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(54) Title: METHODS FOR THE SIMULTANEOUS IDENTIFICATION OF NOVEL BIOLOGICAL TARGETS AND LEAD STRUCTURES FOR DRUG DEVELOPMENT

(57) Abstract

    The combinatorial screening assays and detection methods of the present invention encompass highly diversified libraries of compounds which act as fingerprints to allow for the identification of specific molecular differences existing between biological samples. The specific molecular differences identified by the combinatorial screening assay and detection methods of the present invention are potential targets for diagnosis and development therapeutics. The methods of the invention can be used in diagnostics, drug discovery, as well as genomics and proteomics. Figure (1) which is illustrative of the methods of the invention shows the interaction between molecular probes described in Table II and a human serum sample.

METHODS FOR THE SIMULTANEOUS IDENTIFICATION OF NOVEL BIOLOGICAL TARGETS AND LEAD STRUCTURES FOR DRUG DEVELOPMENT

1. FIELD OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates to methods for the discovery and identification of novel biological targets of both therapeutic and diagnostic importance, and more particularly, to methods for the simultaneous discovery and identification of novel biological targets and lead structures for drug development.

2. BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Researchers recently discovered the presence of unique chromosome material circulating in the plasma of patients having certain catastrophic illnesses (Umovitz et al., Chronic Disease Syndromes Symposium, American Society for Microbiology, May 1997). Similarly, differential expression technology was recently used to demonstrate that over 500 RNA transcripts are expressed at significantly different levels when comparing normal and neoplastic cells (Zhang. L. et al., Gene expression profiles in normal and cancer cells, Science. 276 1268-72, 1997). These discoveries illustrate the existence of the large numbers of molecular differences between normal and abnormal cells. In fact, it is reasonable to assume that hundreds, even thousands of potential biological receptors exist undetected by current technology.

The technologies used to date may provide valuable information regarding targets for therapy or diagnosis, based on the identification of individual differences between normal and abnormal samples. However, these technologies are not equipped to effectively provide information identifying patterns of differences observed between similar samples. Patterns of differences seen between similar samples can provide valuable information to more fully define particular disease subtypes, and they may aid not only in classifying the subtypes, but also in determining appropriate therapies for a particular subtype. Clearly, with the wealth of information that is available upon the discovery of novel biological targets, and with the sheer number of such targets that remain undetected, there is an overwhelming need for efficient and effective methods for their discovery.

It has long been recognized that chemical libraries, either manmade or from natural sources, could be screened for affinity for known biological receptors such as proteins, enzymes or the like. Affinity screening can be accomplished with such known techniques as for example, fluorescence
5 polarization, scintillation proximity assays, enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays, and the like. Recently, a porous silicon biosensor capable of detecting virtually any molecule that binds with high affinity to another molecule has also been disclosed. When the biological receptor is a target of
10 therapeutic importance, library members that exhibit high affinity and specificity for the target can be of value in diagnosis and/or drug development. The advance of combinatorial chemistry has vastly increased the numbers of ligands available for affinity screening.
15   Scintillation proximity assays (SPA), for example as described in U.S. Patent 4,568,649, are used to test vast chemical libraries for affinity for a known receptor. In a standard SPA assay, the receptor is tagged with a scintillant-loaded bead and screened against radiolabelled
20 ligands in solution. If the labeled ligand has affinity for the receptor and becomes bound, the resulting proximity of the radiolabelled ligand and the scintillant in the beads leads to activation of the scintillant and the emission of light. If the labeled ligand has little or no affinity for
25 the receptor, the radiolabel will not accumulate sufficiently close to the scintillant to allow for energy transfer from radioactive decay and little light emission will be detected. One significant drawback to SPA is the presence of "noise" or background radioactivity in the system caused by the
30 nonspecific adsorption of labeled ligands. For this reason, the beads are typically incubated with a blocking agent such as albumen, detergent or powdered milk to block sites responsible for such nonspecific adsorption. Another significant problem with SPA is that the requirement of using
35 radioactive substances, poses a health hazard, such substances are difficult to dispose of, and are expensive to use.
        A modification of the SPA assay has been used in competitive-type screening procedures where the receptor is immobilized to a scintillant-loaded bead and then placed in a solution containing a radiolabelled substrate for that receptor. Ligand samples are then added to the mixture and

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any compound that successfully competes with the substrate for the immobilized receptor will reduce the amount of emitted light. The use of SPA in a high throughput screen is described in Wang, P., Target Identification, *Assay Development and High Throughput Screening in Drug Discovery,*

5 in *Sino-American Pharmaceutical Professionals Association (SAPA), The 5th Regional Symposium on Drug Discovery and Development,* 1997, Kenilworth, NJ.

Fluorescence polarization is another frequently used

10 assay system for identifying compounds that have affinity for a particular receptor. When a fluorescent molecule is attached to one end of an oligomer connected to a ligand, the binding of a receptor to the ligand severely limits the rotation of the fluorescent molecule. When polarized is

15 passed through a solution contai..ing the fluorophore-tagged oligomer having a receptor bound or absorbed thereto the light that is emitted is also polarized.

Another affinity screening technique was recently disclosed by Lin, V., Motesharei, K., Dancil, K., Sailor, M.,

20 and Ghadiri, M. in A *porous silicon- based optical interferometric biosensor,* Science 278, 840-43 (1997). In essence, this technique involves the use of a silicon wafer that has been etched to create a porous surface. When light is shone on the porous material, an interference pattern is

25 created whose position shifts when the refractive index of the surrounding medium changes. Using well-known chemistry, various molecular recognition elements are attached to the porous surface which is then reacted with a source of target molecules. When the probing element tied to the porous

30 surface binds to a target molecule, the resulting change in refractive index causes a shift in the interference pattern that can be detected by a charge-coupled device detector. The biosensor can detect tiny (*e.g.*, femptomolar) concentrations of DNA sequences as well as recognize small

35 organic molecules. The recognition elements of the sensor may be based upon virtually any supramolecular interaction such as, for example, nucleotide hybridization, enzyme-substrate binding, lectin-carbohydrate interactions, antibody-antigen binding, host-guest complexation, and the like.

Combinatorial chemistry is capable of creating libraries containing hundreds of thousands of compounds, many of which

may be structurally similar. While high throughput screening
programs are capable of screening these vast libraries for
affinity for known targets, new approaches have been
developed that achieve libraries of smaller dimension but
which provide maximum chemical diversity. (See. e.g., Matter.
5 H. Selecting Optimally Diverse Compounds from Structure
Databases: A Validation Study of Two-Dimensional and Three-
Dimensional Molecular Descriptors, Journal of Medicinal
Chemistry, 1997, 40:1219- 1229).

10   Affinity fingerprinting has previously been used to test
a discrete library of small molecules for binding affinities
for a defined panel of proteins. The fingerprints obtained
by the screen are used to predict the affinity of the
individual library members for other proteins or receptors of
15 interest. The fingerprints are compared with fingerprints
obtained from other compounds known to react with the protein
of interest to predict whether the library compound might
similarly react. For example, rather than testing every
ligand in a large library for interaction with a known
20 receptor that is associated with a particular pharmacological
activity (for example, antihistaminic or anticholinergic
activity), only those ligands having a fingerprint similar to
other compounds known to have that activity would be tested.
(See, e.g., Kauvar, L.M. et al., Predicting ligand binding to
25 proteins by affinity fingerprinting, Chemistry and Biology,
1995, 2:107-1 18; Kauvar. L.M., Affinity fingerprinting,
Pharmaceutical Manufacturing International. 1995 8:25-28; and
Kauvar, L.M., Toxic-Chemical Detection by Pattern Recognition
in New Frontiers in Agrochemical Immunoassay, D. Kurtz. L.
30 Stanker and J.H. Skerritt. Editors, 1995, AOAC:Washington,
D.C., 305-312).
     While the technologies and assays used to date are of
value regarding known targets or receptors for therapy or
35 diagnosis, they are very specific in nature and thus, provide
limited information. Differential expression, for instance,
focuses only on the detection of different levels of mRNA
expression, it does not detect the existence of sequence
differences. Moreover, this approach provides no information
regarding other changes in the biological system such as
post-translational modifications, that do not result in
altered expression levels, nor in most cases does it provide

information regarding the response of neighboring cells to abnormal cells.

Thus, there exists a need for a detection method which is able to broadly detect specific differences and changes between biological samples. Such a method will also provide
5 a method that facilitates the identification of biological targets and lead structures for diagnostic and drug development.

3.   SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

10   The combinatorial screening assays and detection methods of the present invention utilize highly diversified libraries of compounds to interrogate and characterize complex mixtures in order to identify specific molecular differences existing between biological samples, which may serve as targets for
15 diagnosis or development of therapeutics.

The invention is based, in part, on the Applicant's design of sensitive, rapid, homogeneous assay systems that permit the evaluation, interrogation, and characterization of samples using complex, highly diversified libraries of
20 molecular probes. The ability to run the high throughput assays in a homogeneous format increases sensitivity of screening. In addition, the homogeneous format allows the molecules which interact to maintain their native or active conformations. Moreover, the homogeneous assay systems of
25 the invention utilize robust detection systems that do not require separation steps for detection of reaction products. In a preferred embodiment, fluorescence polarization is used to detect interactions between the sample and library components.
30   In an alternative embodiment, the assay can be run in a heterogeneous format in which one of the reaction components (e.g., either the library or the sample components) is releasably linked to a solid support. The reaction products resulting from contacting the sample with the library are
35 released into the liquid phase, and can advantageously be detected using robust detection systems, such as fluorescence polarization.

The assays of the invention can be used for diagnostics, drug screening and discovery, target-driven drug discovery, and in the field of proteomics and genomics for the identification of disease markers and drug targets.

In one embodiment, the highly sensitive combinatorial
screening assays and detection methods of the invention
utilize ligand/receptor interactions as a discovery tool to
detect receptors that exist in complex biological mixtures
but that may have been hitherto undetected. The
5 combinatorial screening assays and detection methods of the
present invention evaluate the binding interactions of a
diversified universe of ligands with the potentially
thousands of receptors in a biological sample and identify
binding interactions that are unique to or characteristic of
10 the sample, which may be indicative of a certain pathology
(including, but not limited to, disease, disorder and
infection). Thus, the present invention identifies not only
novel receptors, but also characterizes specific differences
occurring between normal and diseased cells and/or tissues of
15 the same type. The screening assays and detection methods of
the present invention provide much more information than
existing target discovery methods such as genomics or
differential expression techniques that focus on detecting
genotypic changes and detect only DNA or mRNA changes;
20 moreover, proteomics do not detect non-protein ligands, and
therefore only relate to proteins encoded for by the
particular sequences. By contrast, the methods of the
present invention detect all types of ligand/receptor
interactions, whereby the receptor could be proteins,
25 carbohydrates, nucleic acids, or any molecules with a shape
that is capable of binding interactions.
      In accordance with the methods of the present invention,
it is possible to evaluate the binding affinities of a
library of diverse molecules for the thousands of potential
30 binding sites present in a complex biological sample and
generate a pattern of binding affinities exhibited by the
sample which provides a unique fingerprint for that sample.
      The present invention provides methods for
"fingerprinting" complex biological mixtures, such as for
35 example, blood serum, using diverse libraries of chemical
compounds. The specific binding interactions that result
between the members of the library and molecules in the
biological sample provide a unique fingerprint for the
sample. Such fingerprinting allows for the identification of
novel interactions occurring in a particular sample, and when
the sample involves a particular pathology, the fingerprint
allows for the identification of specific phenotypical

differences existing between normal and abnormal, or diseased
and undiseased cells and/or tissues of the same type.
Furthermore, once novel interactions have been identified,
the molecules involved may be used as lead structures,
receptors or targets for diagnostic and/or pharmaceutical
5 development.

The screening assays of the present invention encompass
not only the identification of individual novel receptors,
but even more importantly, identify a pattern of binding
interactions that is characteristic of a particular pathology
10 or class of pathologies. Such patterns of binding affinities
provide valuable information useful in more fully and
precisely defining and classifying pathology subtypes.
Precise diagnostics are important not only to the detection
of disease, but also to the management and therapy of
15 disease, all of which in turn allow for predictable clinical
outcomes.

Utilizing the principles of the present invention,
samples from many different individuals may be collected and
tested for interactions with a defined library, and the
20 resulting data used to create a database incorporating all of
the binding interactions identified. Data relating to
samples obtained from individuals exhibiting a pathology or
disease of interest may then be extracted for analysis and
compared with the remaining records in the database to
25 identify interactions or patterns of interactions that would
be predictive of the pathology or disease state.
Interactions and patterns so identified can be used not only
to characterize and classify the particular pathology or
disease state, but can also be used to format a diagnostic
30 test or to develop a therapy or pharmaceutical.

4. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figures 1-5 are graphic representations of the data
compiled in Examples 4 through 7, respectively.
35   Figure 6. The Differential Binding of Probes to Human
and Bovine sera. The graph depicts the fluorescence
polarization values obtained for human and bovine sera using
various probes.

Figure 7. The Differential Binding of Probe 18 to the
Biological Samples Listed in Table 7. The fluorescence
polarization values for each sample using Probe 18 are
depicted graphically.

Figure 8.   The Differential Binding of Probe 70 to the
Biological Samples Listed in Table 7.   The fluorescence
polarization values for each sample using Probe 70 are
depicted graphically.

Figure 9.   The Structure and the Differential Binding
5 Pattern of Probe 147.   (A) The structure of Probe 147 is
depicted.   (B) The graph depicts the fluorescence
polarization values obtained for each sample listed in Table
7 using Probe 147.

Figure 10.   The Structure and the Differential Binding
10 Pattern of Probe 129 .   (A) The structure of Probe 129 is
depicted.   (B) The graph depicts the fluorescence
polarization values obtained for each sample listed in
Table 7 using Probe 129.

Figure 11.   The Structure and the Differential Binding
15 Pattern of Probe 135.   (A) The structure of Probe 135 is
depicted.   (B) The graph depicts the fluorescence
polarization values obtained for each sample listed in Table
7 using Probe 135.

Figure 12.   Differential Binding of Probe D6.   The
20 fluorescence polarization values for culture samples of
Staphylococcus aureus (SA), methicillin resistant
Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), E. coli, and uninoculated Brain
Heart Infusion medium (BHI) using fluorescein labeled probe
6D were determined.   The graph depicts the fluorescence
25 polarization values obtained for each bacterial strain and
uninoculated BHI medium after various culture incubation
periods.

Figure 13.   Classification of the Bacterial Cultures
30 Based Upon the Fluorescence Polarization Values Obtained
Using Probe D6.   The results from the fluorescence
polarization assays for the twelve unknown cultures were
grouped based upon their fluorescence polarization values.

Figure 14.   The Differential Binding of Probes to Normal
35 (Lot HS300) and Diabetic Human Sera.   The graph depicts the
fluorescence polarization values obtained for normal and
diabetic human sera using a variety of probes.

Figure 15.   The Differential Binding of Probes to Lipid
Depleted Diabetic and Normal (Lot HS300) Human Sera.   The
graph depicts the fluorescence polarization values obtained
for lipid depleted normal and diabetic sera with various
probes.

5. DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to the use of a compound that binds with high affinity to a target molecule as not only a possible lead compound for pharmaceutical development, but also its use as an informational molecule.

5   The frequency with which a compound in a diverse combinatorial library of chemicals strongly binds to a particular target is rather low (perhaps 0.0001 percent or less), but if there are a large number of targets this frequency increases dramatically. For example, if instead of
10 a single target molecule there are 1000 possible target molecules the probability of obtaining a "hit" increases to 0.1 percent. Complex biological systems contain thousands of different molecules many of which may be altered in a particular disease state; for example, prostate or breast
15 cancer. The probability, therefore, of obtaining high affinity interactions between members of a diverse, combinatorial library of organic molecules and informative components of a clinical sample are much higher than the probability of obtaining a "hit" for a single target. When
20 these interactions are detected and quantitated in accordance with the present invention a rather complete picture of the sample is formed (depending upon the number and diversity of the library components of the system being evaluated).

The combinatorial screening assays and detection methods
25 of the present invention encompass highly diversified libraries of compounds which act as fingerprints to allow for the identification of specific molecular differences existing between biological samples. The specific molecular differences identified by the combinatorial screening assay
30 and detection methods of the present invention are potential targets for diagnosis and development of therapeutics. The successful application of the combinatorial screening assays and detection methods of the present invention requires at least three components: (1) a diverse molecular library
35 (probe(s)); (2) a source of clinical samples (control and test sample); and (3) a sensitive assay for detecting interactions of members of the library with components of the sample.

Accordingly, one aspect of the present invention is a method for characterizing a pathology, said method comprising identifying a pattern of binding interactions between
(a) receptors or targets present in biological samples

associated with the pathology, and (b) a library of ligands
or probes, wherein the pattern of binding interactions
provides a unique fingerprint for the pathology. In
accordance with the present invention, a "receptor" or
"target" is a biological molecule which demonstrates a
5 binding affinity or interaction with a ligand or probe.
Examples of such receptors or targets include any
biologically active molecule that is differentially expressed
or modified and is capable of interacting with a probe or
ligand, but are not limited to, proteins including enzymes,
10 lipids, nucleic acids, including DNA, RNA, carbohydrates,
antigens, antibodies, etc. Examples of ligands or probes
include any molecule, either natural or synthetic, which may
be used to interact or bind to the receptors or targets to
measure or indicate the presence of said ligand or probe in a
15 given biological sample.

In a particular embodiment, the combinatorial
screening assays and detection methods of the present
invention may be used for the detection or characterization
of a pathology. In accordance with this embodiment, the
20 pathology to be identified or characterized may include, but
is not limited to, a transformed phenotype, genetic defect,
malignancy, cancer, tumor, genetic disorder, viral infection,
bacterial infection, fungal infection or the presence of a
parasite.
25 Vertebrates, particularly human beings, are physically
complex. It is this very complexity that has made accurate
diagnostics difficult to develop and time consuming to
perform. For example, blood plasma contains thousands of
proteins, carbohydrates, lipids and nucleic acids. Changes
30 or alterations in any one or many of these components may be
highly diagnostic of a particular disease state or of the
outcome of a particular therapy and yet the very complexity
of the system prevents accurate detection and analysis of
these changes. In one aspect, the present invention allows
35 for the rapid analysis of very complex biological systems
such as blood plasma or sera, tissue homogenate,
cerebrospinal fluid, urine, sputum or any other clinical
material, including but not limited to, those materials that
can be obtained or prepared in a fluid form.

One embodiment of the present invention is medical
diagnostics. Areas of diagnostics where the present
invention is applicable include, but are not limited to the

early detection of various types of cancer; the detection and
identification of infections; the detection of toxic side
effects of therapeutics; and other disease states and
pathologies. With regard to any given pathology, numerous
physiological changes occur within an organism's complex
5 biological system. Some changes are a direct result of the
pathology while others result from the body's response to the
pathology. Any or all of the changes may be diagnostic.
Unfortunately, for most diseases the diagnostic changes are
unknown and prior to the present invention there was no
10 sensitive, rapid method for detecting these diagnostic
changes. In some cases antibody based diagnostics are used
to detect a novel antigen associated with a particular
pathology (for example, the PSA antigen associated with
prostate cancer), but antibody based diagnostics depend on
15 first identifying the antigen. Also, antibody production is
both expensive and time consuming. In the present invention
the binding interactions of large, diverse libraries of
chemicals to biological samples, blood plasma, for example,
from individuals with a particular pathology are compared
20 with samples from a normal population and the differences are
analyzed. The differences may be qualitative or
quantitative, and may result from binding to any molecule,
such as, for example, proteins, lipids, carbohydrates or
nucleic acids, enzymes, antigens, or the like. The method is
25 not biased as to the type of molecule it can detect. The
binding interactions may result in the discovery of a single
or a small number of binding interactions that are diagnostic
for the pathology under study, or alternatively, a unique
pattern may be recognizable. Either way the identified
30 unique binding interactions can be assembled into an
inexpensive, rapid fluorescence polarization based assay that
can be done in the physician's office or at bedside.
       One application for the present invention is the
diagnosis and treatment of various types of cancer, such as,
35 for example, prostate, cervical and ovarian cancers.
Currently, prostate cancer diagnosis relies upon an antibody-
based detection of the PSA antigen. Recent evidence from
others indicate that elevation of the level of certain
cytokines may also be diagnostic for this disease. These two
indicators are probably not some of the earliest indicators
of prostate cancer that are actually present and the present
invention provides a rapid method for the identification of

other yet unknown diagnostic indicators. Accordingly, the
present invention enables the discovery of new diagnostic
markers by probing, for example, blood plasma samples from
individuals with prostate cancer as well as control
populations with a library of fluorescent probes. The
5   discoveries made using this screening assay may then result
in the development of therapeutics. Thus, the present
invention includes the discovery of probes or markers for use
in diagnostic assays or kits, and their subsequent use in
drug discovery.
10   The present invention may also be useful for the
detection of diagnostic markers in Pap smear samples. In
accordance with the present invention, normal and abnormal
Pap smear samples obtained from individuals can be screened
with a library of labeled probes and those binding
15 interactions that are diagnostic of malignancies or
infectious disease can be used in fluorescence
polarization-based diagnostics. Furthermore, the discovery
of biological molecules associated with a malignancy or
infectious disease can then be used to develop therapeutics.
20   The present invention can be used to screen for a
biomarker(s) for ovarian cancer, which can be used to develop
a diagnostic kit for ovarian cancer. Recently, ovarian
cancer activating factor (OCAF) has been suggested to serve
as a biomarker for ovarian cancer. Currently, a serum assay
25 for CH125, a biomarker for ovarian cancer, is used to detect
ovarian cancer. In accordance with the present invention, the
fluorescence polarization assay, the DNA obstruction assay,
and the scintillation proximity assay (SPA) described in the
present invention can be used in clinical studies to study
30 known biomarkers for ovarian cancer (OCAF and CA125) and to
identify new biomarkers for ovarian cancer. These assay
systems will provide simple, rapid, sensitive, and accurate
means of screening clinical samples with a labeled probe or
libraries of labeled probes.
35   For example, the fluorescence polarization values for
the interaction of fluorescent compounds with specimens
(blood, serum, plasma or other bodily fluids) obtained from
patients with ovarian cancer can be compared with the
fluorescence polarization values obtained for clinical
samples from patients with other types of gynecologic cancer,
non-gynecologic cancers, and no cancer. An altered
polarization value for specimens from patients with ovarian

cancer as compared to the other samples will indicate that an
agent binds differentially to a component(s) present in the
specimen from ovarian cancer patients. Thus, this agent may
be a useful biomarker to distinguish ovarian cancer specimens
from non-ovarian cancer specimens. A fluorescence
5 polarization value for specimens from patients with ovarian
cancer that does not differ significantly from other samples
will suggest that the agent is not useful as a biomarker to
distinguish ovarian cancer specimens from non-ovarian
specimens. Those agents identified that differentially bind
10 to different types of cancers can be used alone or in
combination with other agents to detect and diagnose
different types of cancers. Moreover, the identified agents
can be used to develop therapeutics for the treatment of
cancer.
15   The present invention also provides methods for
identifying an early indicator of the onset of diabetes.
Current methods for the detection of diabetes are useful only
after the disease is fully developed and much damages has
already been done. Indeed, diagnosis is done only after
20 gross symptoms are present. In other words, current
diagnostic procedures merely confirm that the disease is
present. The methods described in the present invention
provide methods for identifying agents that are early
indicators of diabetes. For example, the glycosylation of
25 blood proteins, a characteristic of diabetes, creates unique
binding sites that can be detected with probes from a tagged
library of diverse molecules using the methods described in
the present invention. Those probes that are identified to
be early indicators of the onset of diabetes can be used in
30 accordance with the invention in a fluorescence polarization-
based assay. This assay can be used as a diagnostic in the
physician's office or at a diagnostic laboratory.
     The present invention further provides methods for
identifying and distinguishing infectious microorganisms, as
35 well as the diseases that they cause. Infectious
microorganisms produce a wide range of mostly uncharacterized
proteins, carbohydrates, and other molecules when present in
their host. Also, in response to infection the host organism
produces unique proteins, such as, for example, specific
antibodies, specific receptors, chemokines, and cytokines.
All of these unique molecules are candidates for binding to
probes and therefore, represent new diagnostic targets for

infectious diseases. The present invention provides methods
for identifying binding candidates that differentiate between
infectious microorganisms and/or the diseases that they
cause. The binding candidiates identified can then be used
for diagnosing infectious diseases and may lead to the
5 development of a pharmaceutical therapy. Example 10
describes the discovery of a unique probe from a small
library of probes that allows *Staphylococcus aureus* to be
distinguished from methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus*
10 *aureus*.

The present invention is not only applicable to the
detection of infectious bacteria, but also other infectious
agents, such as, for example, fungi, parasites, viruses and
perhaps, even prions. For example, neuraminidase inhibitors
15 have recently been developed that inhibit the Influenza A and
B viruses. The effective utilization of these drugs requires
that a rapid diagnostic kit be available to identify the
presence of the influenza virus. The present invention
provides methods for discovering tagged molecules with high
20 avidity for viral neuraminidase or some other viral
component. These probes can then be incorporated into a
rapid diagnostic test for the presence of the influenza
virus.

The above discussion demonstrates certain of the
25 benefits of using the assay systems described in the present
invention to test known agents and to identify new agents for
their ability to differentially bind to clinical samples.
Those agents identified can be used alone or in combination
with other agents to detect and diagnose pathologies or
30 diseases. Once identified using the methods of the present
invention, such agents can be used as diagnostics (*e.g.*,
within diagnostic kits) that can be used rapidly and
inexpensively to detect and diagnose various pathologies or
diseases.

35   Another aspect of the present invention is a method for
identifying biological targets of therapeutic and diagnostic
importance and lead structures for drug development,
comprising contacting two biological samples with two
identical libraries of probes, wherein one biological sample
is a control; detecting the binding interaction between each
probe and a component of the biological samples; and
identifying binding interactions that are characteristic of

the second (non-control) biological sample. The ligand or target so identified is a biological target and the probe having affinity for the biological component is a lead structure for drug development.

In a preferred embodiment, the second biological sample comprises serum from a diseased individual or diseased or otherwise abnormal cells or tissues of the same type as the control. As diagnostics are typically based upon the presence of a detectable biological target, the method is therefore of value in the development of diagnostic tools related to the pathology associated with the cells or tissues being screened. Moreover, because each time a novel receptor or target is discovered, a compound having affinity for the receptor is also discovered, the method is a source of lead structures for the development of a pharmaceutical for use in the treatment of the pathology.

In still another embodiment, the principles of the present invention may be used for the toxicological screening of potential pharmaceuticals. The invention includes methods for determining the toxic properties of a compound as well as methods for determining the presence of toxic compounds in an individual by measuring the biological response to toxic compounds. Many drugs as well as their metabolites have adverse side effects or are toxic. There is a very strong need for earlier indicators of toxicity that are predictive of damage rather than merely confirmatory that damage has occurred. At present, the prediction of toxic properties, or side effects, is difficult during the early stages of drug development that occur prior to clinical testing. By utilizing the principles of the present invention, the presence or absence of toxic properties may be predicted at a much earlier stage in development than is currently possible. Initial studies to detect these early warning signals can be accomplished with cell culture studies utilizing liver cells, for example. In this approach, liver cell cultures can be treated with known toxins and, over time, samples taken and probed with a diverse library of tagged compounds. Binding interactions that occur in the treated cultures, but not in control may be early markers for cell or tissue damage. These probes can then be tested in animal model systems. Thus, the present invention offers methods of detecting early markers that are predictive of impending damages due to drugs of other chemicals.

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In accordance with this aspect of the invention,
cultured cells or tissues are treated with known toxic or
non-toxic compounds, and then extracts are prepared from the
cultures and probed with a library of labeled compounds.
This probing with the library of labeled compounds provides a
5 "fingerprint" which reflects the responses of the cells or
tissues to the toxic or non-toxic compounds. Any changes in
the fingerprint patters correlated with toxic properties are
analyzed, and optionally further classified. Subsequently,
cultured cells or tissues for which a fingerprint pattern has
10 been established as set forth above are treated with a test
compound having unknown toxic properties, and extracts are
prepared from the treated cultures and probed with the
library of labeled compounds. The resulting fingerprint or
profile of the cell's or tissue's responses is then compared
15 with the reference profiles generated for that cell or tissue
using the known toxic/non-toxic compounds to predict the
nature of the test compound.

In still another embodiment, the principles of the
present invention may be used to characterize the function of
20 an expressed protein. Genome sequencing projects, including
The Human Genome Project, create large databases of gene
sequences, which can be cloned and the proteins encoded by
these genes can be expressed. Unfortunately, knowing the
sequence of a gene or expressing a protein from that sequence
25 often does not reveal the function of that protein, its role
in disease, or other molecules the expressed protein
interacts with in the living cell.

Recognizing the shortcomings of genomics in providing
this information, several companies have adopted the
30 "Proteomics" approach. In Proteomics, two-dimensional (2-D)
Polyacrylamide Gel Electrophoreses (PAGE) is used to separate
proteins according to charge and mass. The resulting protein
patterns are then compared and attempts are made to stratify
patient populations according to unique patterns. This
35 approach has the advantage of dealing with Phenotype (what
is) as opposed to Genotype (what may be). It is well known
that 2-D electrophoresis fails to detect or resolve a large
number of proteins in very complex samples. The methods of
the present invention do not have this problem because
binding of a tagged probe to small, medium or large targets
gives a clear discernible signal. Furthermore, the present
invention is three-dimensional (3-D) and except where the

target molecule is very small (less than a few thousand
daltons) a binding event gives a clearly discernable signal.
Also PAGE is designed to detect proteins whereas the present
invention is designed to detect a binding interaction between
a labeled probe and any biomolecule larger than a few
5 thousand daltons. Finally, running and analyzing 2-D gels is
time consuming, labor intensive and very expensive. The
methods of the present invention are on the other hand, rapid
and very inexpensive. In any direct comparisons, the methods
of the present invention to outcomes predictions is
10 preferable to either Proteomics or Genomics.

        The present invention provides a means to clarify the
biological function of an expressed protein. When expressed
proteins are probed with tagged libraries of small organic
molecules some number of probes can be found that bind to the
15 binding sites of these proteins. These probes themselves are
potential inhibitors of these expressed proteins. These
probes can be added to cell culture or other systems to
determine their biological effects and thus be used to define
the activity of this protein. Alternatively, the tagged
20 probes can serve as an artificial substrate for competitive
assays with unlabeled molecules in order to discover
inhibitors of even stronger avidity. These unlabeled
molecules can then be tested in model systems to determine
the effect of these agonists or antagonists on cellular
25 function. In this manner, the function of a previously
unknown or uncharacterized expressed protein can be
determined using the technology described by the present
invention.

        Genes from sequencing genomes of organisms from bacteria
30 to humans are now being cloned and expressed on a large
scale. The present invention provide methods for rapidly
unraveling the function of these proteins and at the same
time discovering leads for developing new pharmaceuticals.
In addition, the invention includes methods for discovering
35 potential inhibitors of, or affinity ligands useful for the
purification or analysis of proteins for which no enzymatic
or structural function has yet been ascribed. Such protein
targets include those identified by genomic approaches.

        The present invention also provides methods, which can
be utilized to stratify populations for any purpose. For
example, this technology may be used to stratify groups for
clinical trials. Moreover, the present invention allows mass

screening for the early detection of pathologies or for
analysis of the distribution patterns of various disease
inexpensively. Once informative probes have been developed,
the cost of screening is very low. Screening requires only
an inexpensive fluorescence polarization instrument and the
5 probes. The probes are not only inexpensive to manufacture,
but only nanomoles are required for an assay.

Numerous other aspects, features and advantages of the
present invention will become readily apparent from the
following detailed description of the preferred embodiments
10 and the appended claims. It should, however, be understood
that the present disclosure is to be considered as an
exemplification of the principles of the invention and is not
intended that the invention be limited by the aspects herein
described.
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5.1   DIVERSE LIGAND LIBRARIES OF PROBES AND DETECTIONS THEREOF

In accordance with one embodiment of the present
invention, "fingerprints" are established when biological
20 samples, such as blood, sera, body fluids, such as urine,
cerebrospinal fluid, amniotic fluid, saliva, mucous, tissue
samples, cells, viruses, microorganisms, or organic molecules
including RNA, DNA, peptide and proteins, and small organic
molecules are exposed to a battery of known reagents to
25 generate a panel of values which reflect a pattern of binding
interactions. In accordance with the present invention, the
diverse ligand library comprises the battery of known
reagents or probes, which interact or bind to receptors or
targets, to measure or indicate the presence of the receptors
30 or targets in a given biological sample. The ligands or
probes of the present invention include, but are limited to,
any biological molecule, either natural or synthetic, and may
include, but are not limited to, nucleic acids, including DNA
or RNA, small organic molecules, peptides, glycoproteins,
35 proteins, polysaccharides, saccharides or inorganic
molecules.

In accordance with the present invention, ligand or
probe libraries may be used to generate differential binding
patterns to accurately distinguish between biological
samples. In a preferred embodiment of the present invention,
diverse ligand libraries encompass known molecules which when
exposed to a biological sample generate a panel of values

which reflect a pattern of binding interactions. When the fingerprints of the present invention are used to distinguish between samples, for example to identify or distinguish a particular microorganism, such as a particular strain of virus, bacteria, parasite or fungus, the diverse library of
5 ligands should include ligands or probes known to specifically or non-specifically interact with a component of the microorganism.

In yet another embodiment of the present invention, when the receptor or target is unknown, the biological sample to
10 be tested may be exposed to a library of ligands or probes composed of molecules which are in part, randomly selected, thus allowing for the identification of unique binding interactions which may then be identified by known methods. A receptor that is found to exist in only the test sample, or
15 in a different concentration in the test sample, may serve as a potential target for diagnosis or treatment of the particular pathology associated with the test sample. In addition, the ligand found to have high affinity and specificity for the receptor provides a lead structure for
20 drug development.

Upon contacting a biological sample with a characterized supply of ligands, a ligand having affinity for a receptor existing within the sample will bind to the molecule, forming a ligand/receptor conjugate that can be identified using
25 various assay techniques. Ligand/receptor interactions occurring in a normal or control sample can be compared with those occurring in a second sample that is comprised of abnormal cells or tissues of the same type as the control to identify specific differences between the two. The
30 probes/ligands that are used in the assay systems described can be labeled, tagged, or conjugated such that a detectable signal is generated when a component of a biological sample binds to a probe. The probes/ligands may be labeled with labels known in the art, including but not limited to
35 radioisotopes, fluorescent molecules, chemiluminescent compounds, and bioluminescent compounds.

For use in the scintillation proximity assay, the molecules are preferably labeled with a radioisotope, including but not limited to ^{32}P, ^{35}S, ^{125}I, or ^{131}I. The radioactive isotope can be detected by a gamma counter or a scintillation counter.

Probes/ligands may also be labeled with a fluorescent
molecule such as fluorescein (FL), rhodamines, 4-4-difluoro-
5,7-dimethyl-4-bora-3a,4a-diaza-*s*-indacene-3-propionic acid
(BO or BODIPY), isothiocyanate, cyanines, or other
fluorescent dyes. The interaction between a fluorescently
5 labeled probe/ligand and a component of a biological sample
can be detected by a spectrofluorimeter or preferably, by
analyzing the fluorescence polarization of the mixture.

The binding interaction between a probe and a component
of a biological sample may also be detected by ELISA (enzyme
10 linked immunosorbent assay). The probe can be labeled or
conjugated to such molecules as biotin, streptavidin or
digoxigenin. Probes labeled with these molecules can be
detected using enzyme conjugated antibodies specific for the
label. Alternatively, the probe can be labeled with an
15 antibody, which may or may not be conjugated to an enzyme.
An antibody not conjugated to an enzyme can be detected by a
secondary antibody that is conjugated to an enzyme. The
enzyme conjugated antibody will react with an appropriate
substrate in such a manner as to produce a chemical moiety
20 which can be detected, for example, by spectrophotometric,
fluorimetric or by visual means. Enzymes which can be used
to detectably label an antibody include, but are not limited
to, malate dehydrogenase, staphylococcal nuclease, delta-5-
steroid isomerase, yeast alcohol dehydrogenase, alpha-
25 glycerophosphate, dehydrogenase, triose phosphate isomerase,
horseradish peroxidase, alkaline phosphatase, asparaginase,
glucose oxidase, beta-galactosidase, ribonuclease, urease,
catalase, glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase, glucoamylase,
and acetylcholinesterase.
30 The methods of the present invention may use ligand
libraries synthesized according to any techniques known to
those skilled in the art. Preferably, they are made using
conventional solution phase reactions or solid phase
synthetic techniques. Organic molecules of interests, such
35 as biologically active compounds containing primary or
secondary amine group, or hydroxyl groups, or thiol groups,
or aldehydes or ketones, or carboxylic acids, can be labeled
directly with suitable fluorescent molecules (dyes) in
solution to give the corresponding fluorescent-labeled
ligands. These methods and dyes are described in Haugland,
R.P. Handbook of Fluorescent Probes and Research Chemicals,
6th Ed., 1996. In a preferred embodiment of the invention,

the solution phase syntheses are carried out in a suitable
polar organic solvent or solvent mixture such as DMF, DMSO,
THF using a slightly excess of dyes to ensure complete
labeling. The resulting fluorescent-labeled ligands are
purified by standard techniques in organic synthesis such as
5 liquid-liquid extractions using acid or base,
crystallizations and chromatography (thin-layer or column).
Alternative purification methods, such as liquid-solid phase
extractions using polymer-bound scavengers to removal the
unreacted dyes followed by simple filtrations can also be
10 used as described in the following examples (*See,* Obrecht,
D. and Villalgordo, J.M., Solid-Supported Combinatorial and
Parallel Synthesis of Small-Molecular-Weight Compound
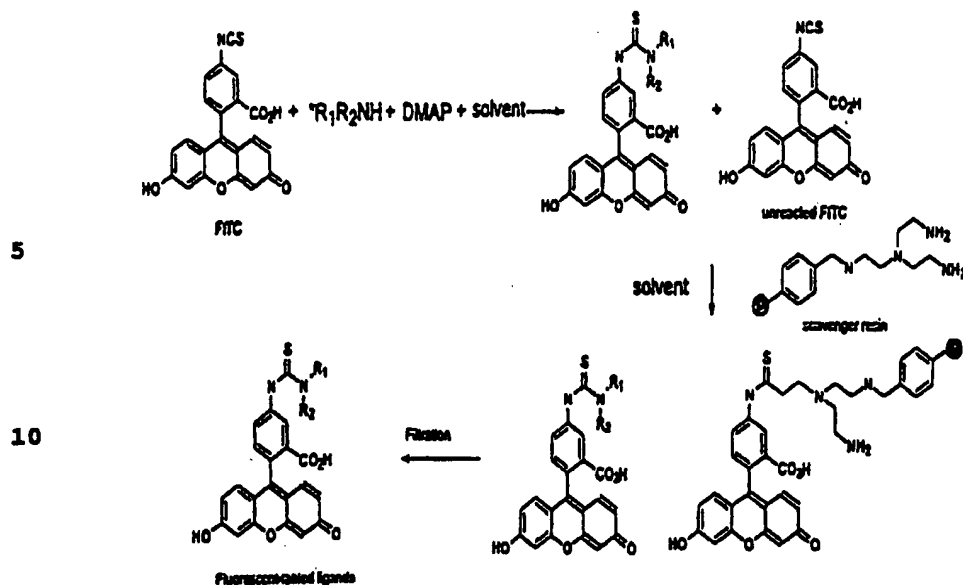Libraries, Pergamon, 1998, Chapter 3.)

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Scheme I. Solution phase reactions (products were purified by scavenger resin)

20   In one embodiment of the present invention, the
libraries of this invention are made using conventional solid
phase techniques. See, e.g., Bodanszky, *Principles of
Peptide Synthesis* (Springer-Verlag: 1984); Bodanszky, *et al.*,
25 *The Practice of Peptide Synthesis* (Springer-Verlag: 1984);
Barany and Merrifield *The Peptides: Analysis, Synthesis and
Biology* Vol. 2, Chapter 1 (Academic Press: 1980); Atherton,
et al., *Bioorg. Chem.* Vol. 8 (1979). This is because solid
phase synthesis has several advantages over more traditional
30 synthetic methodologies. For example, large excesses of
reagents or starting materials can be used to drive
individual reactions to completion, and purification and
isolation can be performed by simple filtration and washing
since the products are attached to solid supports.
35 Furthermore, the relative site isolation of resin-bound
species inhibits many types of intermolecular side reactions.
      A solid phase synthetic method that has been found to be
particularly suitable for the synthesis of the libraries of
this invention is described below. Capable of quickly and
efficiently forming diverse libraries of fluorescent-labeled
ligands, this method comprises two general steps. In the
first, a fluorescent dye is covalently attached to a solid

support. In the second step, which may be repeated as many
times as necessary, the immobilized dye is reacted with a
compound or mixture of compounds to form the desired mixture
of ligands. The present invention encompasses assays using
libraries adhered to the solid supports upon which they were
made, or adhered to different solid supports. It is
preferred, however, that the mixture of ligands be cleaved
from the support in a third step. This optional third step
is included in the preferred embodiment of the synthetic
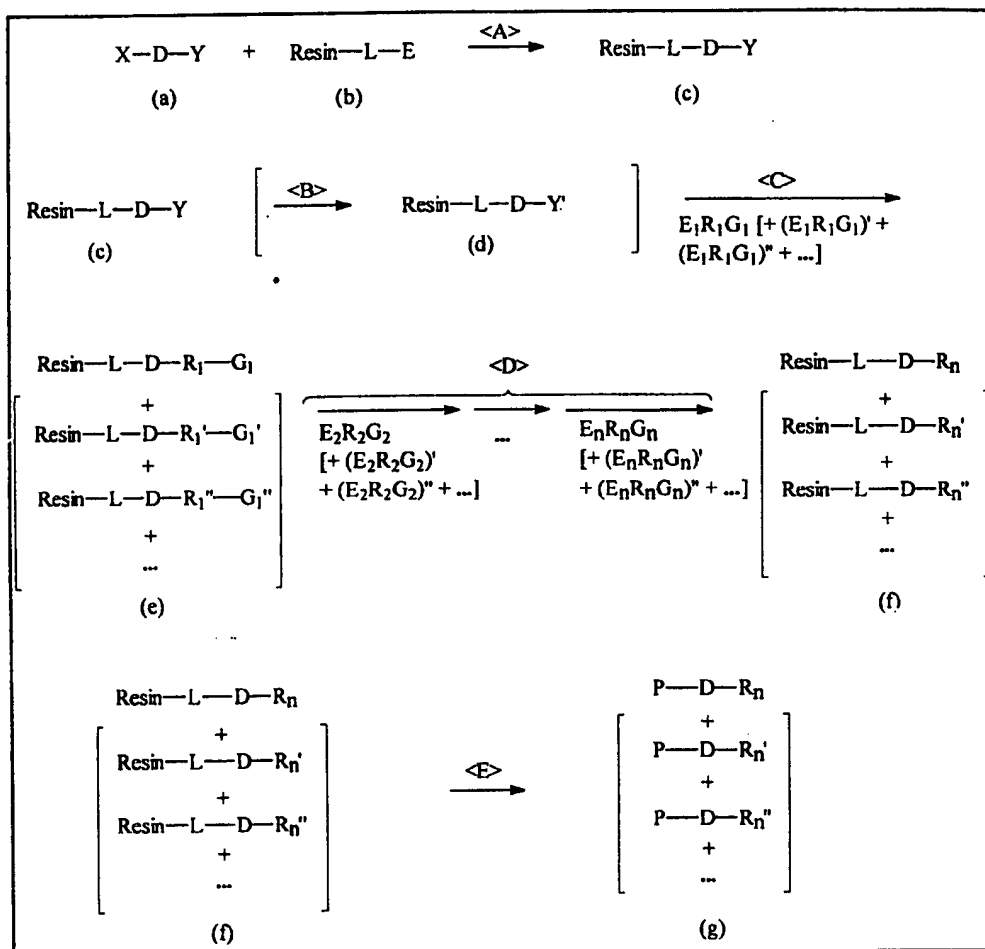method of this invention shown in Scheme II:

$$X{-}D{-}Y \quad + \quad \text{Resin}{-}L{-}E \quad \xrightarrow{<A>} \quad \text{Resin}{-}L{-}D{-}Y$$
$$\text{(a)} \qquad\qquad \text{(b)} \qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad \text{(c)}$$

$$\text{Resin}{-}L{-}D{-}Y \quad \left[\xrightarrow{<B>} \quad \text{Resin}{-}L{-}D{-}Y' \right] \quad \xrightarrow[E_1R_1G_1\,[+(E_1R_1G_1)'+ (E_1R_1G_1)''+...]]{<C>}$$
$$\text{(c)} \qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad \text{(d)}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Resin}{-}L{-}D{-}R_1{-}G_1 & & \text{Resin}{-}L{-}D{-}R_n \\
\left[\begin{array}{c} + \\ \text{Resin}{-}L{-}D{-}R_1'{-}G_1' \\ + \\ \text{Resin}{-}L{-}D{-}R_1''{-}G_1'' \\ + \\ ... \end{array}\right] &
\xrightarrow[\substack{E_2R_2G_2 \\ [+(E_2R_2G_2)' \\ +(E_2R_2G_2)''+...]}]{<D>} \quad ... \quad \xrightarrow[\substack{E_nR_nG_n \\ [+(E_nR_nG_n)' \\ +(E_nR_nG_n)''+...]}]{} &
\left[\begin{array}{c} + \\ \text{Resin}{-}L{-}D{-}R_n' \\ + \\ \text{Resin}{-}L{-}D{-}R_n'' \\ + \\ ... \end{array}\right] \\
\text{(e)} & & \text{(f)}
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Resin}{-}L{-}D{-}R_n & & P{-}D{-}R_n \\
\left[\begin{array}{c} + \\ \text{Resin}{-}L{-}D{-}R_n' \\ + \\ \text{Resin}{-}L{-}D{-}R_n'' \\ + \\ ... \end{array}\right] &
\xrightarrow{<E>} &
\left[\begin{array}{c} + \\ P{-}D{-}R_n' \\ + \\ P{-}D{-}R_n'' \\ + \\ ... \end{array}\right] \\
\text{(f)} & & \text{(g)}
\end{array}$$

Scheme II

wherein <A>, <B>, <C>, <D> and <E> represent reaction
conditions suitable for the formation of the desired products
or intermediates represented by Formulas (b) - (g), and
brackets (i.e., [ ]) represent optional parallel or
sequential reactions, reactants, and/or products.

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According to Scheme II, a dye molecule of Formula (a) is
selected:

                            X-D-Y
                        Formula (a)

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    wherein D is a fluorescent moiety, and X and Y are functional
    groups independently selected from the group consisting of
    halogens, alcohols, nitros, thiols, ethers, esters,
    carboxylic acids, α-halo carboxylic acid derivatives, amines,
10 amides, and protected and unprotected derivatives thereof.
    Examples of dye molecules of Formula (a) include, but are not
    limited to: fluorescein derivatives such as
    dichlorotriazylaminofluorescein (DTAF),
    dichlorosulfofluorescein (DCSF), and nitrofluorescein;
15 tryptophan derivatives; coumarin derivatives; napthyl
    derivatives; bipyridine (bpy) derivatives; tripyridine
    derivatives; cyanines; rhodamines and organometallic
    complexes such as $Ru(bpy)_3$ and derivatives thereof. The
    selection of dye molecules depends on a number of factors
20 including, for example, size, solubility, immunity to
    degradation under solid phase reaction conditions, absorption
    and emission wavelengths, quantum yield, and quantum yield
    and emission wavelength sensitivity to the surrounding
    chemical environment. Many of these factors, and the
25 synthesis of these and other suitable compounds, are readily
    determined from the literature. *See, e.g.*, Haugland, R.P.,
    Handbook of Fluorescent Probes and Research Chemicals (6th
    ed.; 1996).
30   Also according to Scheme II, a reactive substrate of
    Formula (b) is selected:

                          Resin-L-E
                        Formula (b)

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    wherein Resin represents any solid support suitable for solid
    phase synthesis; L is a linker attached to the solid support;
    and E is a leaving group bound to L. Suitable solid supports
    include, for example, polystyrene-divinylbenzene (PS-DVB)
    copolymer and polyethylene glycol-PEG-PS-DVB copolymer. Wang
    (polymer-bound 4-benzyloxybenzyl alcohol) and Rink resins,
    with and without suitable linkers attached, are available

from Aldrich Chemical Co., Milwaukee, WI; Novabiochem, San
Diego, CA; and Advanced Chemtech, Louisville, KY.

    A linker L-E is selected so that its bond to the solid
support is readily cleaved under the reaction conditions
represented by <E> in Scheme II. Suitable linkers are known
5 to those skilled in the art and include, for example,
halogens, thiols, alcohols, ethers, esters, aldehydes,
ketones, carboxylic acids, nitros, amines, amides, silanes,
and protected and unprotected derivatives thereof. The
attachment of such linkers to solid supports may be
10 accomplished by methods well known to those skilled in the
art. *See, e.g.*, Bunin, B.A., *The Combinatorial Index*,
Academic Press, 1998.

    In addition to the criteria described above, the linker
L-E is selected so that it will form a covalent bond with the
15 fluorescent moiety D of the dye molecule of Formula (a) under
reaction conditions <A> to yield an immobilized dye of
Formula (c):

                     Resin-L-D-Y
20   Formula (c)

    Suitable reaction conditions <A>, which depend upon Resin, L,
E and X, are well known to, or easily determined by, those
skilled in the art. Generally they include the use of a
25 solvent that causes the resin to swell and react with X.
Suitable solvents include, for example, dimethylformamide
(DMF), 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidinone (NMP), tetrahydrofuran
(THF), CH_2Cl_2, and mixtures thereof. The reaction conditions
<A> also may include a base such as diisopropylethlamine
30 (DIPEA), triethylamine, dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP), or N-
methylmorphaline (NMM), to neutralize the acid generated
during the reaction.

    The immobilized dye of Formula (c) serves as a
foundation upon which the ligands of the library (represented
35 by Formula (g) in Scheme II) are formed. If the reactive
moiety Y is protected, however, it must be deprotected prior
to additional reactions. This optional deprotection to form
the deprotected moiety Y′ is performed under reaction
conditions represented by <B> in Scheme II. These
conditions, which vary depending upon the protecting group,
are well known to those skilled in the art. *See*, Greene,

T.W. and Wuts, P.G.M., *Protective Groups in Organic Chemistry*
(2nd ed.; 1991).

The immobilized dye is then reacted under reaction
conditions <C> with a compound of formula $E_1R_1G_1$ to yield a
compound of Formula (d):
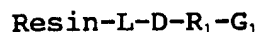
$$Resin-L-D-R_1-G_1$$
Formula (d)

wherein E_1 and G_1 may be the same or different, E_1 is a
leaving group or protecting group, G_1 is either the terminal
end of R_1 or a leaving group or protecting group, and R_1
represents any chemical fragment which comprises at least one
protected or unprotected reactive moiety that enables the
addition of R_1 to the fluorescent moiety D under suitable
catalytic and/or deprotecting conditions. Suitable reactive
moieties include, but are not limited to, halogens, thiols,
alcohols, ethers, esters, aldehydes, ketones, carboxylic
acids, nitros, amines, amides, silanes, and protected and
unprotected derivatives thereof. Suitable reaction
conditions <C> include those which have been developed for
solid phase combinatorial chemistry. *See, e.g.*, Brown, R.,
Contemporary Organic Synthesis, 216 (1997); Felder, E.R., and
Poppinger, D., *Adv. Drug Res.*, 30:111 (1997); Balkenhohl, F.,
et al., *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.* 35:2288 (1996); Hermkens,
P.H.H., et al., *Tetrahedron* 52:4527 (1996); Hermkens, P.H.H.,
et al., *Tetrahedron* 53:5643 (1997); Thompson, L.A., et al.,
Chem. Rev. 96:555 (1996); and *Chem. Rev.* 97(2) (1997).

Exemplary addition reactions include that of a primary amine
with an aldehyde to form an imine, which in turn can react
with a variety of different moieties including, for example,
β-lactams, pyrrolidines, thiozolidinones, and amides. Acid
groups are equally flexible, and be used, for example, with
aldehydes, amines and isonitriles under Ugi multicomponent
condensation conditions to form either small amides or
heterocyclic compounds.

As indicted by Scheme II, the immobilized dye molecules
of Formula (c) may also be reacted with a mixture of
compounds, each of which is different but is of the general
formula $E_1R_1G_1$; *i.e.*, $E_1R_1G_1 + (E_1R_1G_1)' + (E_1R_1G_1)'' + \cdots +$
$(E_1R_1G_1)^i$, wherein i is the number of compounds in the mixture

and is an integer preferably less than about 50. In such a
case, a mixture of compounds of Formula (d) is produced, each
possessing a different R_1G_1 fragment; i.e., Resin-L-D-R_1G_1 +
Resin-L-D-$(R_1G_1)'$ + Resin-L-D-$(R_1G_1)''$ + $\cdots$ + Resin-L-D-$(R_1G_1)^i$.
It is preferred, however, that the compounds of Formula (c)
5 only be reacted with one compound of formula $E_1R_1G_1$.

Because many pharmacologically active compounds contain
reactive moieties such as amines and carboxylic acids, the
present invention contemplates that such compounds are
encompassed by the formula $E_1R_1G_1$, in which case further
10 reaction may or may not be desired. If, however, the R_1
fragment of the compound(s) of Formula (d) is a reactive
moiety, n-1 subsequent addition reactions may be performed
under reaction conditions that are collectively referred to
in Scheme II by <D>, wherein n represents the number of
15 moieties bound to the fluorescent moiety D, and is an integer
of preferably less than about 100.

As above, each of these subsequent addition reactions
may employ both single compounds or mixtures of compounds of
formulas $E_kR_kG_k$, wherein k is an integer between 2 and n-1, R_k
20 is the kth moiety bound to the immobilized fluorescent moiety
D (via the k-1 moieties already bound to D), E_k and G_k are the
same or different, E_k is a leaving group or protecting group,
G_k is the terminal end of R_k or a leaving group or protecting
group, and R_k represents any chemical fragment which comprises
25 at least one reactive moiety that enables the addition of R_k
to the immobilized compound(s). Suitable reaction conditions
<C> include the use of catalysts, deprotectants, and the like
which facilitate the addition of R_k to the immobilized
fluorescent compounds.
30 Completion of the reactions described above forms either
an immobilized compound of Formula (f):

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Resin-L-D-R_n

Formula (f)

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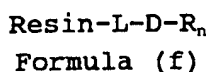
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or a mixture of immobilized compounds of Formula (f); i.e.,
Resin-L-D-$(R_1R_2R_3\cdots R_n)$ + Resin-L-D-$(R_1R_2R_3\cdots R_n)'$ + Resin-L-D-
$(R_1R_2R_3\cdots R_n)''$ + $\cdots$ + Resin-L-D-$(R_1R_2R_3\cdots R_n)^m$, wherein m has a
maximum value of about i*n when i is equal to the number of
compounds in the $E_kR_kG_k$ mixture having the largest number of
compounds. For the sake of simplicity, G_n is omitted from

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Formula (f) because the terminal end of the ligand (e.g., R_n)
undergoes no further addition reactions.

    In the final step of Scheme II, the dye-ligand compounds
are cleaved from the solid support under reaction conditions
<E> to yield a library of compounds of Formula (g):

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$$P-D-R_n$$
Formula (g)
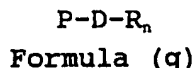
wherein it is to be understood that Formula (g) encompasses
10 all possible compounds and mixtures of compounds produced by
the reactions indicated in Scheme II. Suitable cleavage
conditions <E> are known to those skilled in the art, and
depend upon the bond between Resin and L. Cleavage may be
accomplished under acidic or basic conditions, or may be
15 photoinduced. Many suitable cleavage methods have been
reported in the literature. For example, some cleavage
reactions accomplished by treating the modified resin of
Formula (f) with trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) in methylene
chloride are shown in Scheme III:
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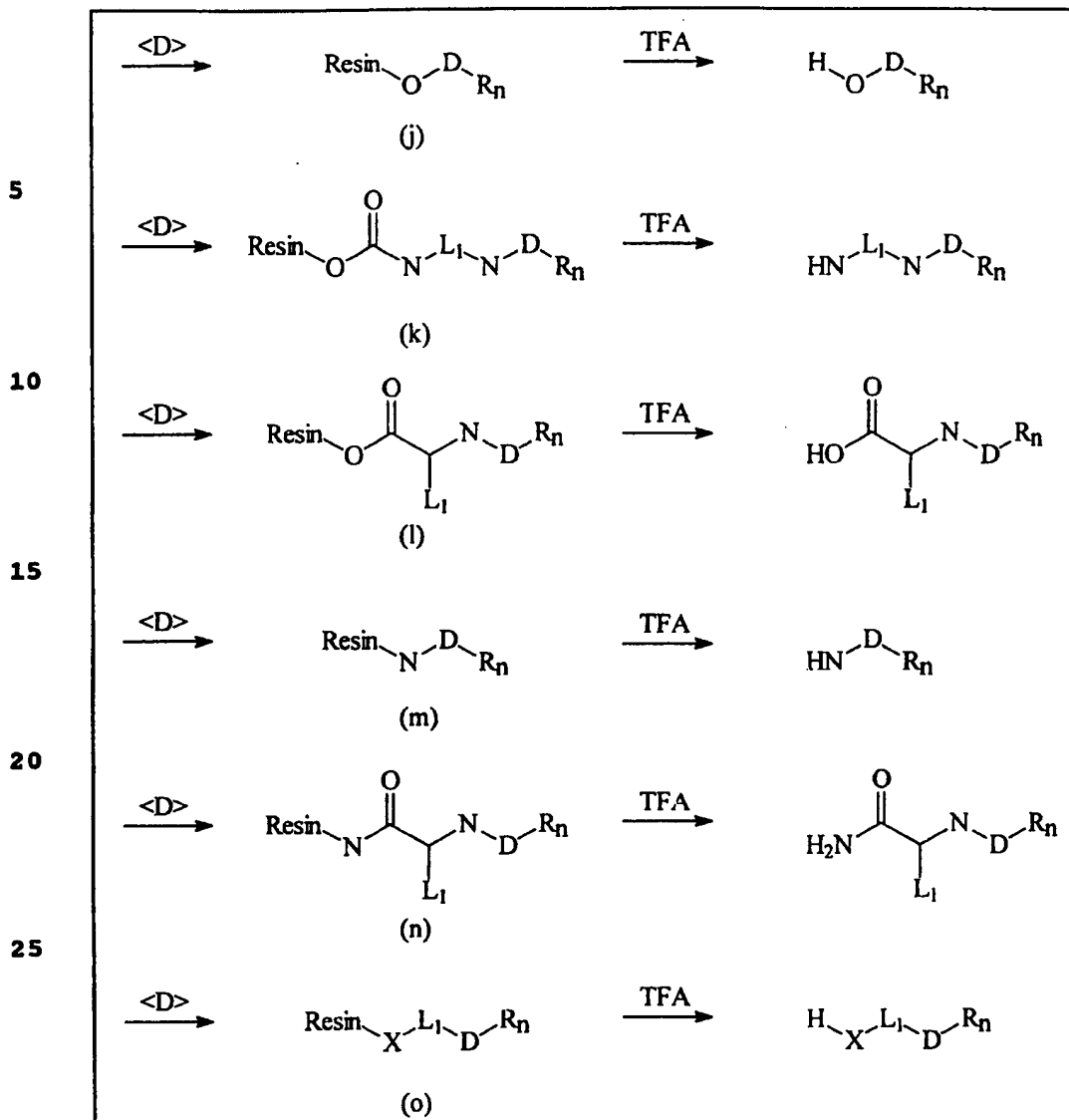
Scheme III

wherein (j) is a Wang resin derivative; (k) is a Wang
carbamate resin derivative; (l) is a Wang amino acid resin
35 derivative; (m) is a Rink resin derivative; (n) is a Rink
amino acid resin derivative; and (o) is a trityl or
chlorotrityl amine (*i.e.*, X= NH) or alcohol (*i.e.*, X=O) resin
derivative; and L_1 represents any side chain or spacer stable
under solid phase reaction conditions. Examples of suitable
side chains include, but are not limited to, substituted and
unsubstituted alkyl, aryl and aralkyl groups.

After cleavage, the solvent is preferably removed to
isolate the fluorescent library. The library may then be
dissolved in a solvent such as dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO)
suitable for use in the assays of this invention.

Specific embodiments of the method of Scheme II are
5 shown in Schemes IV - VIII. For clarity, these schemes do
not show the reaction and formation of mixtures. It is to be
understood, however, that each of the individual reactions
shown represents the possibility of numerous parallel
reactions.

10 A particular simplified embodiment of the general
approach of Scheme II is shown in Scheme IV:
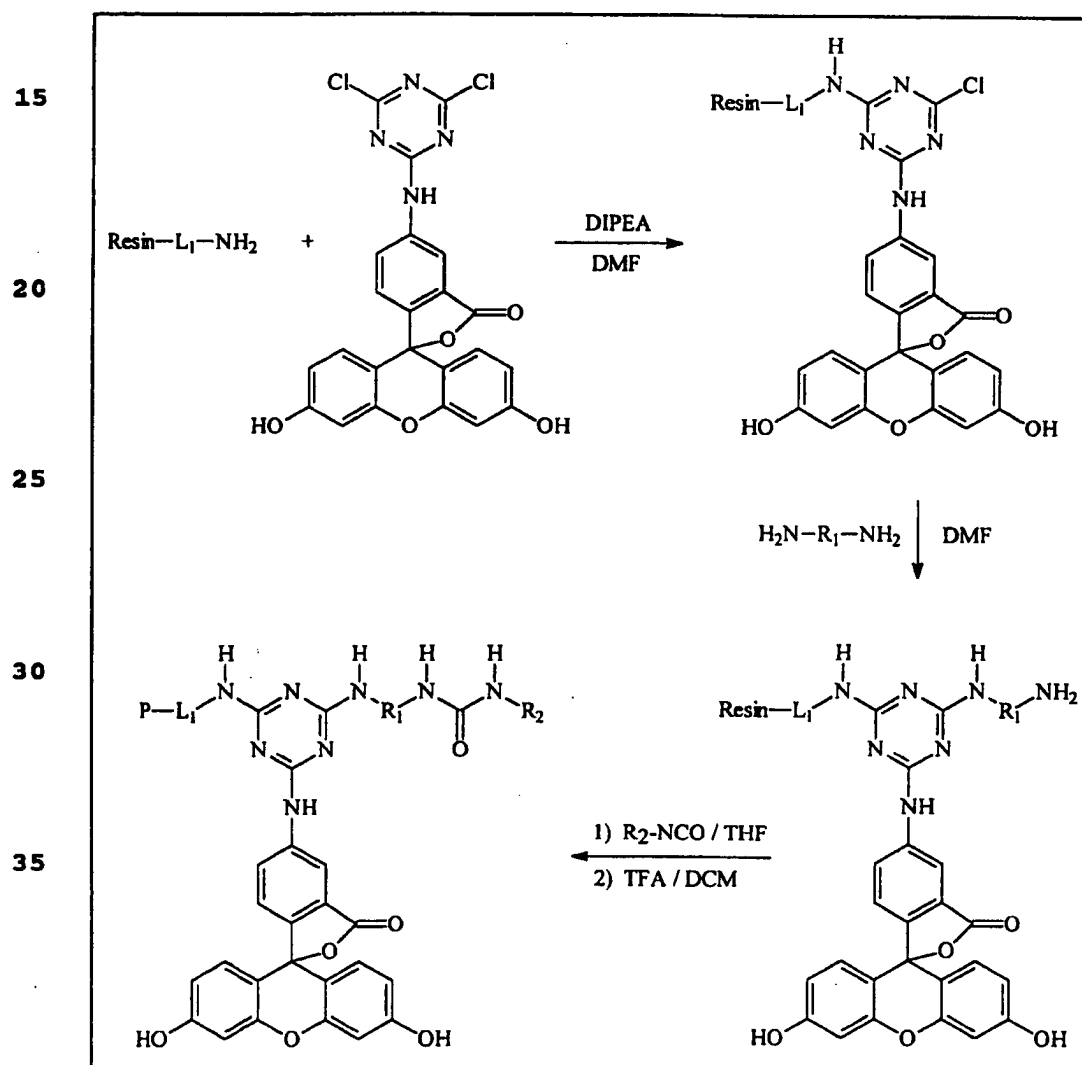
Scheme IV

wherein L₁ is any moiety that does not sterically hinder or
otherwise inhibit the coupling reaction under the reactions
conditions shown; P represents the end of L₁ after it has been
cleaved from the solid support; and R₁ and R₂ are the same or
different and may be any moieties desired to provide a
5   library with preferred structural and reactive
characteristics. Examples of suitable moieties include, but
are not limited to, substituted and unsubstituted alkyl, aryl
and aralkyl.
        According to Scheme IV, DTAF is immobilized upon a solid
10 support using diamino carbamate Wang resin or amino acid Rink
resin or diamino/amino alcohol trityl/chlorotrityl resin to
give monochlorotriazylaminofluorescein resin. This reaction
is preferably conducted at ambient temperature. DTAF is
dissolved in a suitable solvent such as DMF, NMP, THF,
15 methylene chloride, or mixtures thereof with between about
0.5 to about 3 equivalents of a base such as DIPEA,
triethylamine, DMAP, or NMM. Substitution of the remaining
chloride on the triazine ring with an excess of symmetrical
diamine (preferably between about 2 to about 6 equivalents)
20 in, for example, DMF or NMP at ambient temperature provides a
new reactive group for further synthesis. This process is
repeated as many times, and with as many different reactants,
as desired, after which the resulting fluorescent compound or
mixture of compounds is cleaved from the reactive support.
25   Another embodiment of the general approach of Scheme II
is shown in Scheme V:

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Scheme V
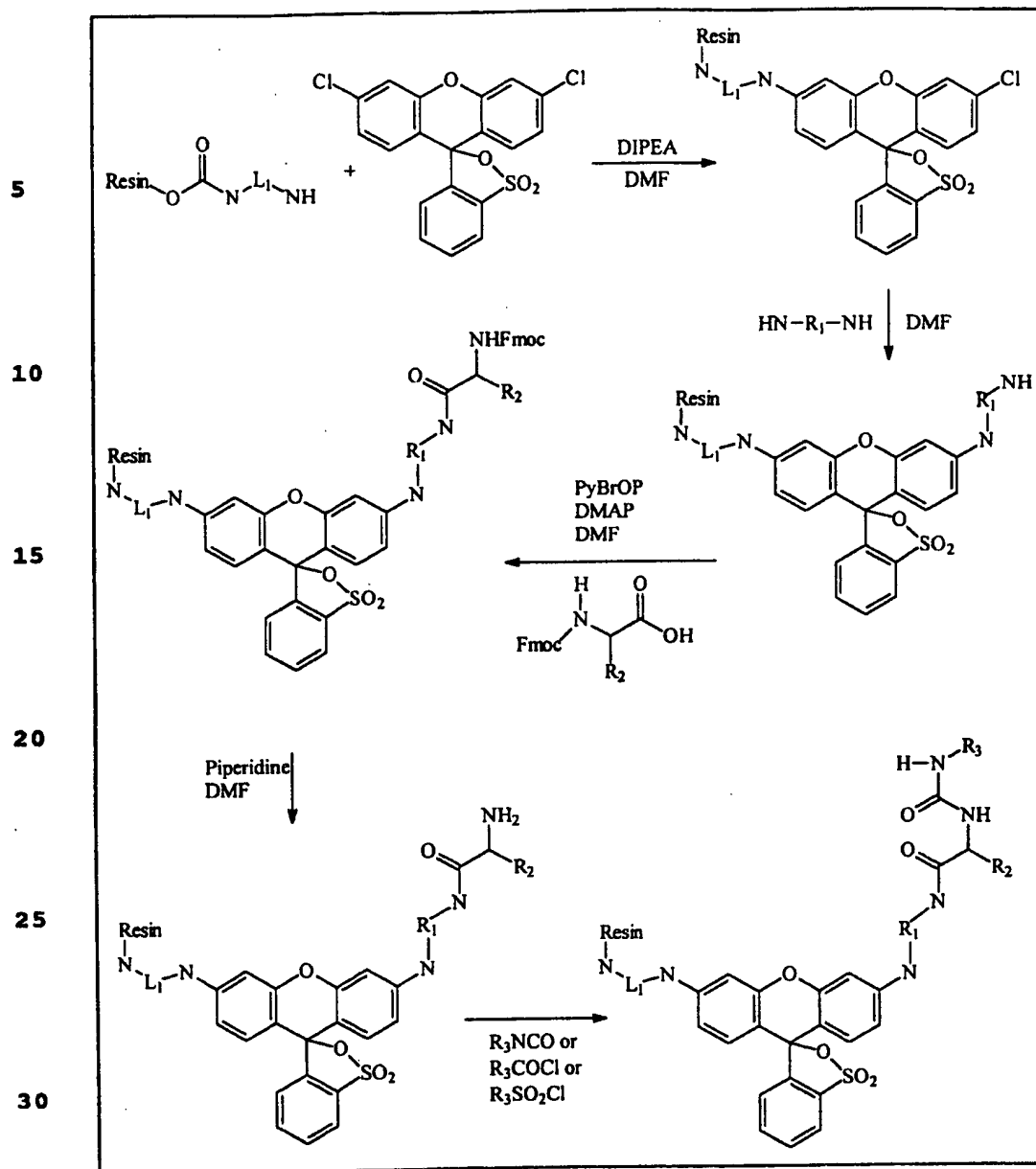
35 wherein DCSF is attached to a solid support via substitution
of a chlorine atom by a secondary alkyl amine, and preferably
a cyclic secondary amine, bound to a resin. L_1 thus forms
part of a cyclic diamine. Suitable cyclic diamines include,
for example, piperazine, homopiperazine, 4,4'-
trimethylenedipiperidine, and derivatives and isomers
thereof. As shown, R_1 also forms part of a cyclic diamine,
although HNR_1NH may be replaced by any compound having

suitable reactive groups. R_2 and R_3 represent any moieties
suitable for incorporation within the fluorescent ligands of
the libraries of this invention and include, for example, the
side chains of natural amino acids; substituted and
unsubstituted alkyl, aryl and aralkyl; and the like.

As shown in Scheme IV, an N-Fmoc protected amino acid is
attached to the fluorescent resin by the reaction of the free
amino group of the fluorescent compounds with the Fmoc amino
acid under standard amide formation conditions (i.e.,
PyBrOP/DMAP/DMF). After removal of the Fmoc group with
piperidine in DMF, the new amino group provided by the amino
acid can be derivatized with, for example, acid chlorides,
chloroformates or isocyanates to give a variety of
fluorescent labeled compounds. Non-limiting examples of
suitable isocyanide compounds are provided in Scheme VI:
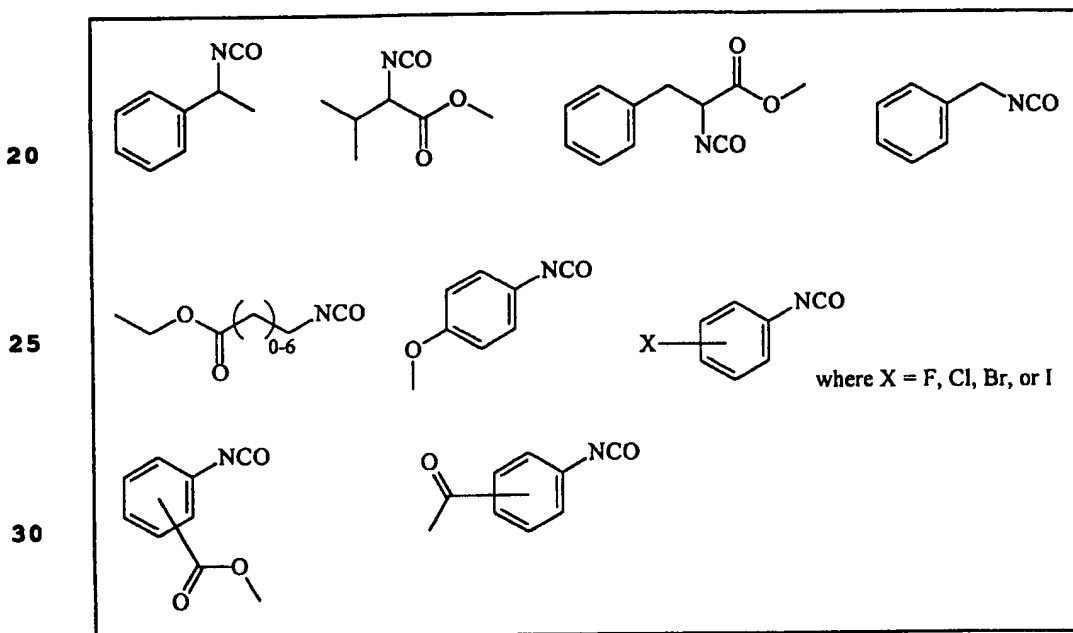
Scheme VI

As should be readily apparent to those skilled in the art,
numerous other moieties (i.e., R_4, R_5, ···, R_n) comprising
reactive moieties such as amino acids, acid chlorides,
chloroformates, and isocyanates may be used to form the
ligands bound to DCSF. Similarly, the chemical fragments to
which the R_2 and R_3 groups of Scheme IV are attached may be
replaced by any others which will allow the growth of the

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chain bound to the dye molecule provided that the reaction
conditions are altered in a suitable manner.

A final embodiment of the general approach of Scheme II
is shown in Scheme VII:

Scheme VII
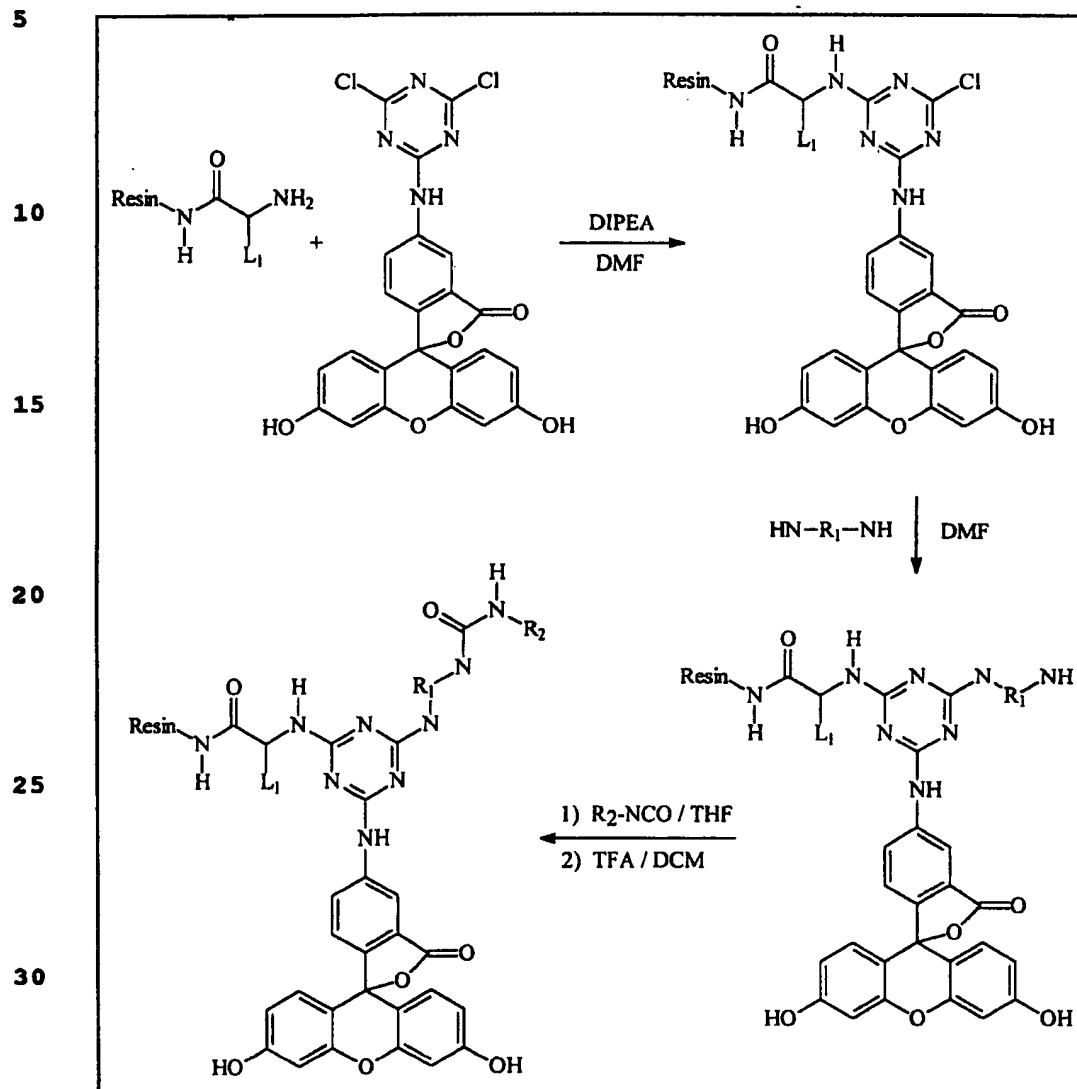
wherein DTAF is bound to a Rink amino acid resin, and then
subsequently derivatized by the methods described above. L_1,
R_1 and R_2 are defined as above.

In addition to the above methods, fluorescent-labeled
ligand libraries are also made by general solid-phase
synthesis techniques (Obrecht, D. and Villalgordo, J.M.,
Solid-Supported Combinatorial and Parallel Synthesis of
Small-Molecular-Weight Compound Libraries, Pergamon, 1998;

and Bunin, B.A., The Combinatorial Index, Academic Press,
1998). In a preferred embodiment of the present invention,
the desired compounds are synthesized on the solid supports
according the methods described in the literature. Before
cleavage from the solid supports, the compounds on the solid
5 supports are treated with suitable dyes to give the
fluorescent-labeled ligands on resins. The ligands are then
cleaved from the resins to give the fluorescent-labeled
ligands.

      In one approach, the ligands are synthesized in a linear
10 fashion by reaction of a solid supported reactive block with
different reactive blocks step by step. The dye is then
added in the last step before cleavage to give the labeled
ligands as shown in Scheme VIII. In this scheme,
fluorescent-labeled N-hydroxyquinzolinones are prepared.
15 Quinzalinones are one of the most common bioactive nitrogen
containing heterocycles (See, Sinha, S. and Srivastava, M.
in Progress in Drug Research, 1994, vol. 43, 143-238). They
display a broad spectrum of biological and pharmacological
activities in human and animals. They have been used as
20 anticonvulsant, antibacterial and antidiabetic agents.
Therefore, fluorescent-labeled quinzolines would be useful
for diagnostic applications and for drug discovery.

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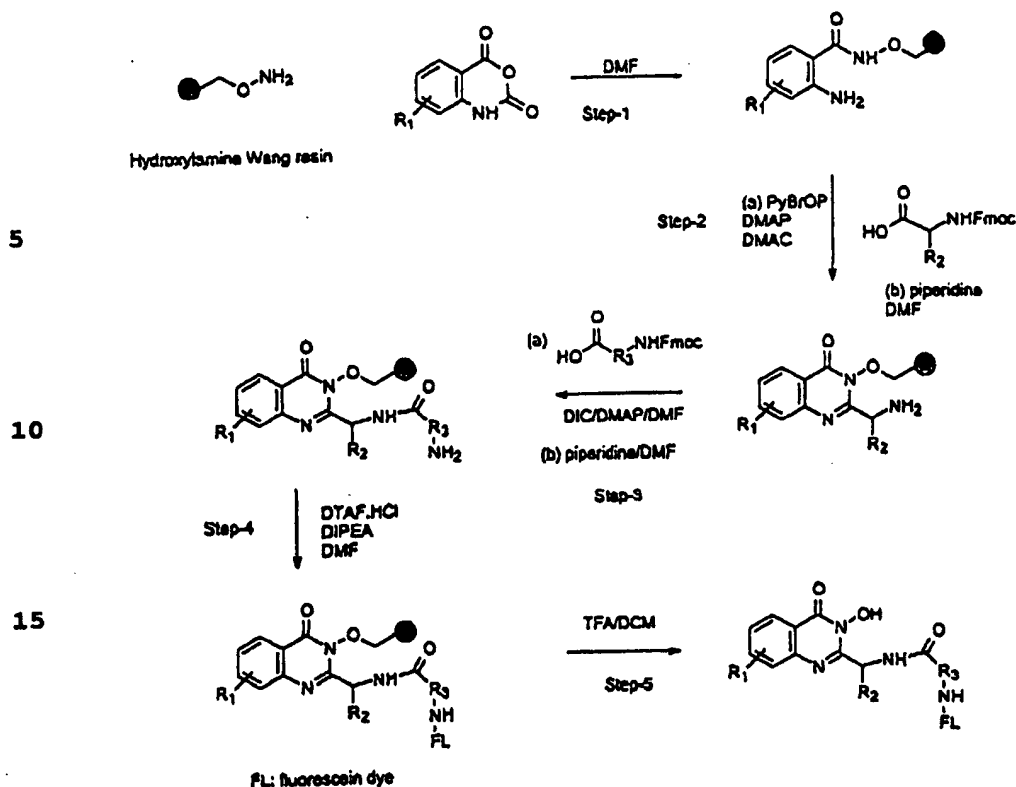
Scheme VIII

In another approach, the ligands are prepared in a convergent manner using multicomponent condensation reactions such as the Ugi condensation (Tempest, P.A., et al. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.* 1996, vol. 35, 640-642). Using this approach, the amine component is immobilized on the solid support as Rink amine resin and the aldehydes, Fmoc-protected amino acids, and isocyanides are added in excess to the resin swelled in mixture of MeOH/DCM (1:2 v/v)(Scheme IX). By combinatorial uses of different aldhydes, acids and isocyanides, a large number of ligands may be synthesized.
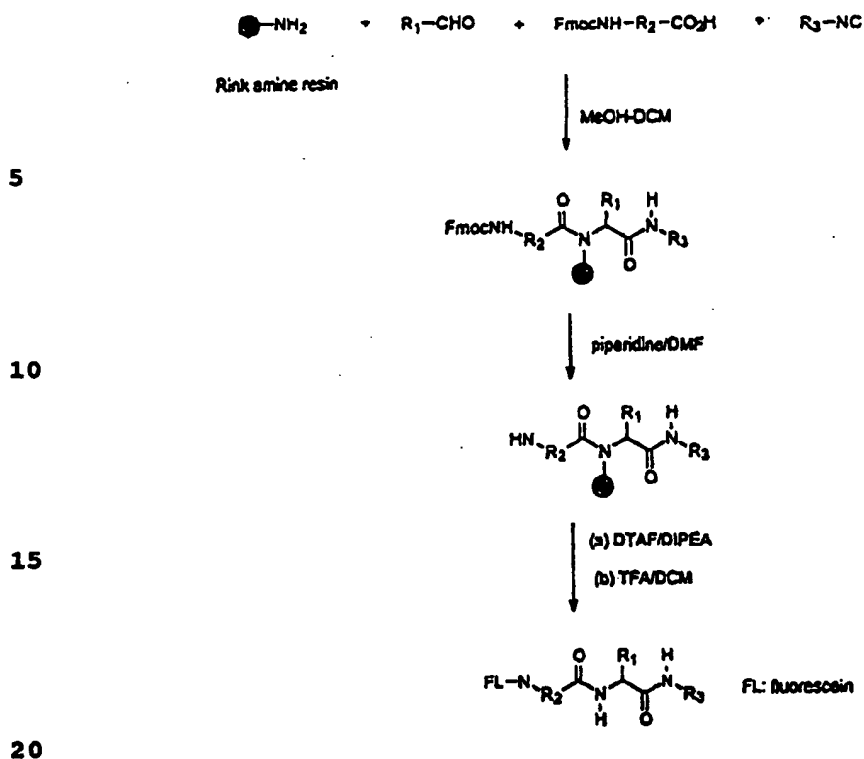
Scheme IX

5.2 BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES

The present invention provides methods for
"fingerprinting" complex biological mixtures or samples which
may be obtained from a wide variety of sources. The methods
of the present invention may be utilized to identify specific
phenotypical differences which exist between normal or
abnormal, healthy or diseased, nontransformed or transformed,
noninfected or infected cells and/or tissues. The methods of
the present invention may also be applied to identify or
distinguish between species of microorganisms, viruses,
bacteria, fungi or parasites.

The methods of the present invention detect all types of
ligand/receptor interactions, whereby the receptor could be
proteins, carbohydrates, nucleic acids, or any molecules with
a shape that is capable of interacting with a probe or
ligand. As used herein, "biological receptor", "receptor",
"biological target", "target" and "component of a biological
sample" are intended to include any biological molecule,
binding surface, binding site or the like, that is for

example, differentially expressed, or is differentially
modified in the test sample, e.g., the diseased or otherwise
abnormal cells and/or tissues. Any one of these receptors
may serve as a target for diagnosis and/or development of
potential therapeutics.

5   Accordingly, one aspect of the present invention is a
method for characterizing a pathology, said method comprising
identifying a pattern of binding interactions between
receptors or targets present in biological samples associated
with the pathology, and a library of ligands or probes,
10 wherein the pattern of binding interactions provides a unique
fingerprint for the pathology.

        In accordance with the present invention, a "receptor"
or "target" is a biological molecule which demonstrates a
binding affinity or interaction with a library of ligands or
15 probes in the test sample which may or may not differ between
the test sample and the control sample. Examples of such
receptors or targets include, but are not limited to,
proteins, including enzymes, antigens, antibodies, lipids,
nucleic acids including DNA and RNA, carbohydrates including
20 lectins, cell surface proteins or receptors, etc.

        The biological samples utilized in the method can be any
sample that is a source of biological molecules, including
but not limited to, biological materials such as body fluids,
such as blood plasma, blood sera, urine, cerebrospinal fluid,
25 amniotic fluid, saliva, mucous, tissue samples, cell
extracts, products from in vitro transcription and

translation systems (obtained, for example by the method of
U.S. Patent 5,654,150 issued to King et al.), and the like.
30 Moreover, extracts derived from or fluids containing
pathogenic organisms such as bacteria, yeast, fungi, viruses,
protozoa, and the like may also be used. In these instances,
ligands exhibiting high affinity and specificity for a
protein or other receptor in the pathogen may reveal new
35 targets and can be tested for inhibitory effect against the
pathogen.

        The biological samples which may be screened in
accordance with the methods of the present invention may be
obtained from a wide variety of sources. By way of example,
but not by limitation, biological samples or mixtures may be
obtained from patients and include bodily fluids, blood,
serum, mucous, including oral, rectal or intestinal mucosa,

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urine, feces, etc. In addition biological samples may
include tissue samples, biopsy tissue, cell samples,
including bone marrow cells, lymphocytes, immune cells,
mucousal cells obtained from oral, rectal or intestinal
mucousal linings, etc. In yet another embodiment, the
5 biological samples or mixtures may encompass cell lysates or
portions thereof, carbohydrates including lectins; proteins
including glycoproteins, cell surface receptors, peptides;
nucleic acids including DNA or RNA etc. In yet another
embodiment the biological sample may be or may be derived
10 from a virus, bacteria, microorganism or parasite or fluids
containing such biological samples, e.g., testing water
supplies for microorganism content.

The biological samples of the present invention may be
obtained from individuals inflicted with a disease, disorder,
15 or pathology infected with a virus, bacteria or other
microorganism. In yet another embodiment, the biological
samples may be generated by exposing a tissue, cells in
culture, cell extracts etc. to a toxin or pathogenic agent,
or by genetically engineering the genome of a cell in culture
20 to encode a mutation or protein or peptide known to be
associated with any given pathology or disorder.

Collections of biological materials as sources for
clinical samples may be obtained from hospitals or national
research facilities.
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5.3 ASSAYS FOR THE DETECTION OF LIGAND/RECEPTOR INTERACTIONS

Recognizing that clinical materials are often available
in only a limited supply for any given pathology, the third
30 element of the invention, the sensitive assay systems, must
be capable of detecting binding interactions occurring in
only microliters of sample and in addition, must be capable
of detecting binding interactions of less than optimal
affinity. The assay systems of the present invention
35 eliminate or greatly reduce nonspecific binding of ligands to
receptors present in the sample.

Accordingly, an aspect of the assays of the present
invention is to provide a means for detecting the interaction
between the probe or ligand and the receptor, target or
active site. In one such embodiment, homogeneous assays are
utilized for the detection of receptors or targets present in
a biological sample. The assays comprise contacting a

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biological sample with a library of diverse probes in a microtiter dish or other well-type device and detecting any binding of individual members of the library of probes to components in the system. The binding pattern of members of the library of probes with the sample provides a molecular
5 fingerprint of the sample. In a preferred embodiment, the binding of a member of the library to a component of the sample is detected by fluorescence polarization.

In another embodiment, the assay for detecting receptors or targets present in a biological sample encompasses
10 attaching the probes and ligands of the library to a structure which contains a site cleavable by a specific catalyst, the cleavage of the structure or scaffold provides the signal or the means for detecting the interaction between the probe and the receptor. More particularly, the members
15 of the library of ligands or probes are attached to scaffolds having a site cleavable by a specific catalyst and a marker on each side of the site, to provide ligand/scaffold constructs; the ligand/scaffold constructs are contacted with a biological sample, wherein a ligand having affinity for a
20 receptor present in the sample binds with the receptor and blocks the cleavable site of the scaffold. Once the ligand/scaffold construct is contacted with the specific catalyst, the scaffolds that do not include a bound receptor are cleaved and the intact scaffolds are identified.
25   A preferred embodiment of the assay further comprises attaching a marker, such as biotin, to the same side of the scaffold as the cleavable site and attaching a second marker, such as digoxigenin, to the opposite side of the scaffold. The scaffold is immobilized on a surface, and the mixture is
30 washed after the addition of the catalyst to remove the portions of cleaved scaffolds, portions including the second marker, so that the intact scaffolds are identified by the presence of the second marker.

The scaffolds used in the assay may be comprised of DNA,
35 RNA, peptides, peptoids, oligosaccharides or any hydrophobic or hydrophilic, synthetic or natural polymer including block copolymers. In a preferred embodiment, the scaffolds are double-stranded DNA, constructs comprised of a first oligonucleotide, a second complementary oligonucleotide having a ligand attached thereto; and a single restriction site. In this embodiment, the specific catalyst is the restriction enzyme specific for the restriction site. The

first marker can be, for example, biotin, whereby the ligand
structures can be immobilized on a streptavidin or avidin
coated surface. Digoxigenin is a preferred second marker,
whereby anti-digoxigenin-peroxidase is used to indicate the
presence of intact scaffolds.

5   Another assay for detecting the presence of receptors in
a biological sample consists of attaching members of a
library of ligands to a scaffold, contacting the scaffold
with a scaffold-specific binding agent and a biological
sample, and detecting the interaction between a ligand and a
10   receptor present in a biological sample. The scaffold used
in this assay may be comprised of DNA, RNA, peptides,
peptoids, oligosaccharides or any hydrophobic or hydrophilic,
synthetic or natural polymer including block copolymers. In
a preferred embodiment, the scaffold-specific binding agent
15   does not bind to the region of the scaffold where the
interaction between a ligand and a receptor occurs. The
scaffold-specific binding agent may be a drug, peptide,
glycoprotein, protein, polysaccharide, saccharide, or
inorganic molecule. In another embodiment, the scaffold
20   includes a marker that is blocked when the scaffold-specific
agent binds to the scaffold such that access to the marker
indicates the absence of the scaffold-specific binding agent
and the presence of the ligand/receptor interaction. In a
preferred embodiment, the scaffold is comprised of double-
25   stranded DNA and the marker is a biotinylated nucleotide,
which is detected with streptavidin or avidin when a
receptor/ligand interaction occurs.
          In still another embodiment, the principles of the
present invention may be used for the toxicological screening
30   of potential pharmaceuticals. At present, the prediction of
toxic properties, or side effects, is difficult during the
early stages of drug development that occur prior to clinical
testing. By utilizing the principles of the present
invention, the presence or absence of toxic properties may be
35   predicted at a much earlier stage in development than is
currently possible.
          In accordance with this aspect of the invention,
cultured cells or tissues are treated with known toxic or
non-toxic compounds, and then extracts are prepared from the
cultures and probed with a library of labeled compounds.
This probing with the library of labeled compounds provides a
"fingerprint" patterns which reflects the responses of the

cells or tissues to the toxic or non-toxic compounds. Any
changes in the fingerprint patterns correlated with toxic
properties are noted, and perhaps further classified using
statistical analysis or analysis by artificial intelligence
routines (neural networks). Subsequently, cultured cells or
5 tissues for which a fingerprint pattern has been established
as set forth above are treated with a test compound having
unknown toxic properties, and extracts are prepared from the
treated cultures and probed with the library of labeled
compounds. The resulting fingerprint or profile of the
10 cell's or tissue's responses is then compared with the
reference profiles generated for that cell or tissue using
the known toxic/non-toxic compounds to predict the nature of
the test compound.

In accordance with the present invention, sections 5.3.1
15 through 5.3.3 describe the assays that may be utilized to
detect the differences in binding affinities of probes to
biological samples such that a fingerprint or pattern of
binding affinities is generated.

The results obtained with the present invention serve to
20 differentiate two sample populations (e.g., normal and
diseased) and can be expected to fit into two categories. In
the first category, one or two probes can serve to
differentiate the populations and the probe response will be
easily distinguishable between the two groups ("shining
25 pebbles"). In the second category, subtle difference in
binding to two sample populations can be differentiated using
a greater number of probes, which have a small difference in
binding to the sample populations. The combination of these
probes (a diagnostic cluster) will be necessary to provide
30 the statistical power for a reliable differentiation in
unknown samples. A larger number of probes, is expected to
result in a more useful analytical system since the overall
binding pattern will not be severely affected by fluctuations
due to individual variation. In a system where only one or
35 two probes are used, individual variation in the probes might
make diagnosis more difficult.

Analysis of the binding of a large number of probes to a
large number of samples requires the use of sophisticated
computer algorithms. Two types of analysis can be performed
on the data. The first type of analysis focuses on
determining which probes are useful for distinguishing
members of two sample populations. Algorithms for this type

of analysis are available from either the statistical
analysis field (discriminate function analysis) or from the
field of artificial intelligence (supervised, back-
propagation neural networks). The second type of analysis
that can be performed involves categorizing the probe binding
5 data based upon the probe results and then asking if there
are any similarities in the histories (e.g., medical) in the
respective probe-based categories. Algorithms exist in
statistical analysis (principal component analysis) and in
artificial intelligence (unsupervised, Kohonen neural
10 networks) for these types of analysis. Data analysis
programs or packages are available commercially which include
the above functions. For example, the commercial programs
SPSS (SPSS, Inc., Chicago, Illinois) and SAS (SAS Institute,
Inc., Cary, NC) provide discriminate functions analysis and
15 principal component analysis. Several packages such as
Neuroshell 2 (Word Systems Group, Inc., Frederick, MD) or the
Stuttgart Neural Network Simulation (The University of
Stuttgart, Stuttgart, Germany) provide back-propagation and
Kohonen neural networks.
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5.3.1   FLUORESCENCE POLARIZATION ASSAY

In the present invention, a fluorescence polarization
assay can be utilized to identify binding interactions
between a ligand and a receptor present in a biological
25 sample.

A fluorescence polarization assay is designed to measure
the binding of a fluorescent-labeled compound to an unlabeled
biomolecule. A fluorescence polarization-based assay can
utilize fluorescence labeled compounds up to a molecular
30 weight around 10,000 to detect interactions with
biomolecules. The type of fluorescent labeled compounds that
can be used include, but are not limited to, small organic
molecules, peptides, small proteins, nucleic acids, lipids,
and polysaccharides. Fluorescent molecules when excited with
35 plan polarized light, will emit light in a fixed plane only
if they do not rotate during the period between excitation
and emission. The extent of depolarization of the emitted
light will depend upon the amount of rotation of the
molecules, which is dependent upon the size of the molecule.
Small molecules rotate more than larger molecules between the
time they are excited and the time they emit fluorescent
light. The optimum conditions of this assay exist when the

labeled compound is much smaller than the unlabeled molecule
to which it binds. An unbound small fluorescent-labeled
compound rotates rapidly and the emitted light is
depolarized. The interaction between a biomolecule and a
fluorescent-labeled compound increases the effective size of
5 the flourescent-labeled compound and thus, decreases the
rotation of the compound, which results in the emitted light
remaining polarized. The intensity of emitted, polarized
light can be measured by inserting a moveable polarizing
filter in front of the detector. The intensities are
10 measured in planes 90° apart and are many times designated
the horizontal and vertical intensities. In some instruments
the excitation filter is moveable while the emission filter
is fixed. In certain other machines the horizontal and
vertical intensities are measured simultaneously via fiber
15 optics. Three companies, Pan Vera, BMG Lab Technologies, and
LJL Biosystems, market research grade fluorescence
polarization instruments and Abott provides clinical
laboratory instrumentation. The value of fluorescence
polarization is determined by the following equation:
20

$$\text{polarization} = \frac{\text{intensity}_{vertical} - \text{intensity}_{horizontal}}{\text{intensity}_{veritcal} + \text{intensity}_{horizontal}}.$$

Fluorescence polarization values are most often divided by
25 1000 and expressed as millipolarization units (mP).
      In one form of such an assay, a fluorescent molecule,
such as fluorescein, is attached to an oligomer of sufficient
length that the "propeller effect" comes into play. A short
linker is then attached to the fluorescent molecule and the
30 end of the oligomer opposite the fluorescent molecule is
attached to the walls of a microtiter dish or other well-type
device suitable for use in fluorescence polarization. The
free end of the short linker is then derivatized with ligands
to be screened. The identity of the attached ligands in each
35 well is known. A source of receptors is then added to each
well and incubated. Polarized light is then used to excite
the fluorescent molecule, and the polarity of emitted
polarized light is determined. Receptors that bind to the
ligand will reduce the free rotation of the fluorescent
molecule and increases in polarization will be detected. On
the other hand if no receptor binds to the ligand, the
fluorescent molecule remains freely rotating and the emitted

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light will be less is not polarized. To obtain an
approximation of the affinity of any bound receptor for the
ligands, the extracts are removed from the wells, fresh
buffer added and the polarization of light emitted from each
well determined. Those receptors with low affinity will
5 dissociate from the receptor and the polarization of emitted
light will decrease. Repeating this process will identify
ligand/receptor binding interactions of the highest affinity.

5.3.2   SCINTILLATION PROXIMITY ASSAY (SPA)

10   Typically, in SPA assays the receptor is bound to a
scintillant loaded bead and screening is done directly or
competitively against ligands in solution. It is possible,
however, to reverse this arrangement and have the ligand
attached to the bead and have the receptor in solution. This
15 variation is especially compatible with combinatorial
chemistry because in many synthetic schemes, the library
synthesis is done on beads, which may subsequently be
impregnated with scintillant as needed by an SPA assay
system. In addition, more than one ligand can be synthesized
20 on a bead. In such a system, beads loaded with scintillant
and coated with a ligand are immersed in a fluid phase
containing radiolabelled reactant. If the labeled reactant
has affinity for a tagged ligand and the two become bound,
the resulting proximity of the radiolabelled reactant and the
25 scintillant in the beads leads to activation of the
scintillant and the emission of light. If the labeled
reactant has little or no affinity for a ligand, the
radiolabel will not accumulate sufficiently close to the
scintillant to allow for energy transfer following
30 radioactive decay. Because SPA does not require a washing
step, it allows for the detection of relatively low affinity
ligand/receptor binding interactions.

5.3.3   DNA RESTRICTION SITE OBSTRUCTION ASSAY

35   The principles of this system are based upon the
presence or absence of restriction enzyme activity upon a DNA
construct that has been synthesized to include a single
restriction site and a ligand-reporter system. When the
construct is contacted with a biological mixture,
ligand/receptor interactions will block access of the
restriction site by the restriction enzyme and prevent
hydrolysis of the construct at the site. Constructs that

remain intact can be isolated and the ligand/receptor interaction identified.

A description of a DNA restriction site assay system is provided herein. A single stranded DNA oligonucleotide containing biotin at the 5' end and digoxigenin at the 3' end

5 is annealed to a complementary oligonucleotide such that the annealed, double stranded oligonucleotide contains a single centrally located restriction endonuclease site. The complementary oligonucleotide is modified to contain a linker having a terminal amino group. The location of the amino

10 group, in this case between the 5th A and the 6th T from the 5' end, is such that it does not interfere with the activity of the restriction enzyme toward the double stranded oligonucleotide. The resulting construct, wherein the

15 sequence $\begin{matrix} GGATCC \\ CCTAGG \end{matrix}$ (SEQ. ID ___) is a restriction site, is

shown below:

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                        NH₂
            5'           |                    3'
                ATATATGGATCCATATATAT
        biotin-UTATATACCTAGGTATATATAU - digoxigenin

            3'                                3'
        (SEQ. ID ___)
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The amino group is derivatized with ligands of a diverse chemical library to form the construct shown below:

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                    N - LIGAND
30                      |
                ATATATGGATCCATATATAT
        biotin-UTATATACCTAGGTATATATAU - digoxigenin
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(SEQ. ID ___)

35   The derivatization of the amino group can be accomplished during synthesis of the single-stranded oligomer while it is still attached to the CPG bead, and alkaline cleavage then used to release the oligomer from the bead where it can then be annealed to the complementary biotin-digoxigenin oligomer. As an alternative method of attaching the ligands, derivatized bases, may be incorporated during the synthesis of the complementary oligonucleotide.

When incubated with the restriction enzyme specific for
the restriction site, according to procedures well known in
the art, the derivatized construct is hydrolyzed at the
restriction site to provide two sections as shown below:

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                    N - LIGAND
                    |

         ATATATG              GATCCATATATAT
      biotin-UTATATACCTAG ˙        GTATATATAT - digoxigenin
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10
(SEQ. ID ___ and ___)
     Reaction of the hydrolyzed mixture with a streptavidin
or avidin coated surface will result in the immobilization of
the biotin labeled section and the digoxigenin labeled
section will be eliminated by washing. Reaction of the
15 immobilized mixture with anti-digoxigenin-peroxidase antibody
will provide a negative result because the digoxigenin
labeled section will have been eliminated from the mixture by
hydrolysis by the restriction enzyme and subsequent washing.
     When the intact ligand-derivatized construct functioning
20 as a probe for detecting potential receptors within the
sample, is mixed with a clinical sample, the ligand will
capture any receptor for which is has high affinity for as
shown below:

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              N -LIGAND - RECEPTOR
25            |
              ATATATGGATCCATATATAT
    biotin - UTATATACCTAGGTATATATAU - digoxigenin
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(SEQ. ID ___)

30   After an incubation period, the reaction mixture is
diluted with an appropriate buffer and treated with
restriction enzyme and then incubated with a streptavidin
coated surface to immobilize the biotin molecules. Where a
biological molecule with high affinity to the ligand on a
35 construct is present, the molecule will block access of the
enzyme to the restriction site and prevent hydrolysis of the
DNA scaffold, thereby resulting in the immobilization of the
intact double-stranded oligonucleotide. In the alterative,
where a biological molecule does not bind to the ligand on a
construct, the restriction enzyme will not be blocked,
allowing hydrolysis of the DNA scaffold as seen above, and
resulting in the immobilization of a truncated construct,

free of the digoxigenin-labeled portion. A standard enzyme-
linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) with digoxigenin-
peroxidase antibody can be used to detect the presence of
digoxigenin on the streptavidin surface. A positive assay
indicates that the restriction enzyme was blocked and this is
5 an indication that a molecule was bound to the linker. Thus,
this approach can be used to detect the interaction between
any ligand and any receptor having sufficient affinity and
size to block access of a restriction enzyme to its
restriction site.
10   In a modification of the assay described above, a "gap"
(deletion of a base) is inserted in one of the strands of the
double stranded sequence and a ligand(s) attached next to the
gap as shown below:

15   N - LIGAND
                            |
                  ATATATGGATCCAT TATATU - digoxigenin
         biotin -UTATATACCTAGGTATATATA

       (SEQ. ID ___)
20

       Treatment of this construct with an endonuclease such as
mung bean nuclease or nuclease S1 will result in hydrolysis
of the construct at the gap region. Reaction of the
hydrolyzed mixture with immobilized avidin or streptavidin
25 and subsequent washing will eliminate the digoxigenin
containing sections of the construct. As described above,
incubation of this construct with receptors having high
affinity for the ligand prior to addition of a nuclease will
prevent hydrolysis of the construct at the gap region and a
30 strong positive response will be obtained during an assay for
the presence of digoxigenin.
       In further variations of the DNA restriction site assay,
the DNA scaffold can be replaced by a backbone comprised of
peptides or peptoids or any polymer with a centrally located
35 bond that can be cleaved by a particular enzyme or other
mechanism wherein cleaving can be blocked by occurrence of a
ligand/receptor interaction near the site of the bond. For
example, one could employ a commercially available
poly(glycine) or poly(alanine) backbone into which has been
inserted by standard techniques of peptide synthesis, a
string containing a phenylalanine residue and a nearby
ligand. An enzyme such as chymotrypsin A_4 (EC 3.4.21.1) can

then be used in analogous fashion to the nuclease described above. In addition, the assay could be modified to an SPA assay by using radioactive bases or ligands in the synthesis of the section of the construct opposite the biotin and attaching the streptavidin to scintillant loaded beads.

5   While any of the assays described herein are suitable for use in the present invention, this system provides several advantages such as, it does not require radioactivity, although radiolabelled nucleotides may be placed downstream of the restriction site to adapt the assay 10 to an SPA format; the system may be made ultra sensitive (detecting the presence of a single intact DNA backbone) by using PCR methodology for the detection system; the entire assay can be carried out in streptavidin coated microtiter dishes; and nucleotide analogs may be used to protect the DNA 15 backbone against nuclease activity in the sample, as long as the restriction site is not altered.

In this present invention, a membrane (available e.g., from Pall Corporation, East Hills, NY) containing particular reactive groups, may be placed into a well device, such as a 20 96-well dot blot apparatus. A library of compounds can then synthesize in the device, wherein a particular functional group added in the library synthesis couples with the particular reactive group on the membrane. For example, if the library compounds being synthesized contain an amino 25 group, the membrane will contain activate carboxylic acid groups and the groups will couple by amide bonding. Any excess groups on the membrane will be blocked with an appropriate blocking reagent. Then the ligand-bound membrane can be reacted with a biological sample that has previously 30 been derivatized, for example with biotin or radioactivity. An appropriate assay can then be used to detect ligand/receptor interactions.

5.3.4   EQUILIBRIUM PERTURBATION ASSAY

35   While the DNA restriction site assay described above may be characterized as an equilibrium perturbation assay, a preferable approach is to monitor the effect of a ligand/molecule interaction on the equilibrium of a DNA binding protein and its cognate sequence. For instance, the viral DNA binding protein UL9 may be used in a screen for compounds that bind to selected DNA test sequences that are placed downstream of the cognate UL9 sequence. The assay is

based upon the test sequences' ability to disturb the
equilibrium of the binding protein that the binding protein
does not bind to its cognate sequence. The assay as
described in U.S. Patent No. 5,306,619, which is incorporated
herein by reference.

5   In accordance with the principles of the present
invention, the test sequence located downstream of the UL9
recognition site may serve as the backbone for the library of
ligands, rather than as a target for DNA binding proteins as
in U.S. Patent No. 5,306,619. A scaffold construct can be
10 formed that is comprised of the UL9 cognate sequence wherein
a specific nucleotide base has been tagged with, for example,
a marker such as biotin; and a ligand-derivatized
oligonucleotide terminating in digoxigenin. It is known that
the presence of the biotin on the cognate sequence does not
15 interfere with the binding of UL9 to the cognate sequence
and, that once UL9 does become bound to the biotinylated
sequence, the biotin molecule is blocked from immobilization,
such as, on avidin or streptavidin. UL9 can be reacted with
the construct and incubated until an equilibrium is
20 established between the UL9 and the biotinylated sequence. A
biological sample can then be introduced into the reaction
mixture whereby any receptors present in the sample that have
affinity for the ligand on the scaffold test sequence will
bind to the ligand, disturbing the equilibrium between the
25 binding protein and the biotinylated sequence, resulting in a
change in the amount of free biotin available for binding
with avidin or streptavidin.

     In a variation of this assay method, a test sequence
other than a second DNA sequence may be synthesized with the
30 screening sequence prior to attachment of the compounds. Any
scaffold that allows for the attachment of the ligands may be
used. Alternatively, the ligands may be covalently attached
directly to the screening sequence without the need of an
additional linker or scaffold.
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                6.   EXAMPLES

     In order that the invention described herein may be more
fully understood, the following examples are set forth. It
should be understood that these examples are for illustrative
purposes only and are not to be construed as limiting this
invention in any manner.

EXAMPLE 1:   THE SCINTILLATION PROXIMITY ASSAY
               IS A SENSITIVE METHOD FOR DETECTING THE
               INTERACTION BETWEEN LIGANDS AND RECEPTORS

The following example demonstrates the sensitivity of
the scintillation proximity assay ("SPA"). This example
5 assesses the interaction between 2,5-diphenyloxazole (PPO)-
impregnated p-aminophenyl β-D-thiogalactoside agarose beads
and β-galactosidase using SPA.

E. coli transformed with a β-galactosidase expression
vector were grown at 37°C in M9CA medium supplemented with or
10 without $H_2^{35}SO_4$ (0.1 mCi/mL of culture media). β-galactosidase
expression was induced by treating the E. coli cultures with
1 mM IPTG for 3 hours. Subsequently, the E. coli cultures
were pelleted by centrifugation, resuspended in lysis buffer,
15 and lysed by five freeze-thaw cycles. Bacterial debris was
removed by centrifugation and the β-galactosidase was
isolated from the supernatant using ammonium sulfate
precipitation followed by affinity chromatography to yield
80% purification.

20   The interaction between unlabeled or labeled β-
galactosidase and 2,5-diphenyloxazole (PPO)-impregnated p-
aminophenyl β-D-thiogalactoside agarose beads (prepared by
the method of Bertoglio-Matte in U.S. Patent 4,568,649) was
assessed. The PPO-impregnated p-aminophenyl β-D-
25 thiogalactoside agarose beads were incubated overnight in a
solution of 10% powdered milk in PBS (8.1 mmNa$_2$HPO$_4$, 1.5mM
KH$_2$PO$_4$, 137mM NaCl, 2.7mM KCl, 0.5 mM MgCl$_2$, 0.9 mM CaCl$_2$) to
block any sites responsible for non-specific binding.
Alternatively, the beads may be blocked with agents such as
30 albumin, detergents, or even an extract from the control
solution. Subsequently, 20 µL of PPO-impregnated
p-aminophenyl β-D-thiogalactoside agarose beads were mixed
with 200 µL of the ^{35}S-β-galactosidase (2.1 X 10^5 cpm when
counted in scintillation cocktail) along with either 200 µL
35 of PBS or 200 µL of 1 mg/mL unlabeled β-galactosidase. In
other experiments equal cpm (6.5-7.7 x 10^5 cpm) of ^{35}S-labeled
E. coli extracts or $H_2^{35}SO_4$ were mixed with 20 µL of PPO-
impregnated p-aminophenyl β-D-thiogalactoside agarose beads.
The solutions were mixed for 10 minutes and then transferred
to scintillation vials containing 1 mL of 0.2% casein in PBS.
The interaction between the beads and the β-galactosidase or

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$H_2^{35}SO_4$ was analyzed by assessing the radioactivity using a
Beckman LS 6500 scintillation counter.

In the sample containing ^{35}S-β-galactosidase and PPO-
impregnated p-aminophenyl β-D-thiogalactoside agarose beads,
487 +/- 52 counts per minute (cpm; n=3) were detected.   In
contrast, in the sample containing both labeled and unlabeled
β-galactosidase and PPO-impregnated p-aminophenyl β-D-
thiogalactoside agarose beads 341 +/-16 cpm (n=3) were
detected.   These results demonstrate that unlabeled β-
galactosidase can competitively displace the bead-associated,
labeled β-galactosidase.   Furthermore, these results indicate
that SPA can be used to detect mM interactions.   Free
aminophenylthiogalactoside was determined to have a Ki of
only 1.9 mM.   In addition, the results indicate that SPA can
be used to detect interactions between receptors and ligands
with low affinity for each other.   In this example, the beads
affinity for β-galactosidase has been reduced approximately
2.3 fold by using PPO.

In the samples containing 6.5-7.7 x 10^5 cpm of ^{35}S-
labeled E. coli extracts and PPO-impregnated p-aminophenyl β-
D-thiogalactoside agarose beads, approximately 3000 cpm were
detected.   In contrast, only about 670 cpm were detected in
samples containing 7.7 X 10^5 cpm of $H_2^{35}SO_4$ and PPO-impregnated
p-aminophenyl β-D-thiogalactoside agarose beads.   These
results indicate that the background due to the interaction
between the beads and $H_2^{35}SO_4$ is very low.   Therefore, the
signal detected in the sample containing ^{35}S-labeled E. coli
extracts is primarily due to the interaction between the
beads and labeled E. coli protein.   The high cpm detected for
the interaction between the beads and the ^{35}S-labeled E. coli
extracts suggest that without the purification step, the
background radioactivity would mask any specific β-
galactosidase adsorption to the SPA beads.

This example demonstrates that the scintillation
proximity assay (SPA) is a sensitive assay for detecting
interaction between ligands and receptors at mM levels.
Furthermore, the SPA is useful for detecting interactions
between receptors and ligands with low affinity for one
another.

EXAMPLE 2:   **THE DNA OBSTRUCTION ASSAY IS A SENSITIVE**
                   METHOD FOR ASSESSING THE INTERACTION
                   BETWEEN RECEPTORS AND LIGANDS

The following example demonstrates the sensitivity of
the DNA obstruction assay for assessing the interaction
5 between receptors and ligands.

The two oligomers shown below were synthesized by
Clontech, Palo Alto, CA:

(SEQ. ID ___) I

10   5'BTT-TTT-TTT-TTT-TAT-ATA-GGA-TCC-TAT-ATA-TTT-TTT-TTT-TTT-
TTD-3'

B=biotin   D=digoxigenin

15   (SEQ. ID ___) II

5'AAA-AA-AAA-AAA-AAT-ATA-TAG-GAT-CCA-AAT-TAA-AAA-AAA-AAA-A-3'

The oligomers were designed such that a centrally located
restriction site was formed upon annealing. The oligomers
20 were annealed using a 10:1 ratio of II:I by incubating the
mixture in annealing buffer (10 mM Tris•Cl [pH 7.8] 0.1 M
NaCl and 1.0 mM EDTA) at 65°C for 1 hour, then 57°C for 3
hours followed by storage at -20°C. Duplicate samples of
32.8 pmol of annealed oligomer were serially diluted in
25 annealing buffer and one of each duplicate dilution was
hydrolyzed overnight with 40 units of restriction enzyme at
37°C as per instructions (New England BioLabs, Beverly, MA).
The remaining dilutions were treated the same except that
restriction enzyme was omitted from the incubation mixtures.
30 Following an overnight incubation, the samples were added to
streptavidin coated microtiter dishes and assayed using HRP
derivatized anti-digoxigenin antibody and ABTS substrate as
per instructions (Boehringer Mannheim GmbH, Mannheim, GER).
Absorbances of the samples were then read at 405 nm.
35   Enzyme treated samples exhibited no absorbance over
background (no oligomer in the incubation mixture), whereas
the untreated samples exhibited clearly detectable absorbance
at oligomer concentrations as low as 3 pmol. Thus, this
system allows the detection of pmol levels of substrate with
essentially no background.

EXAMPLE 3:   THE ABILITY OF THE RESTRICTION ENZYME TO
                  CLEAVE THE DNA SCAFFOLD IS AFFECTED BY
                  THE MOLECULAR INTERACTIONS OF OTHER
                  AGENTS WITH THE SCAFFOLD

    This example illustrates that a molecular interaction
5   (ligand/receptor interaction) at a distance from a
    restriction site influences restriction enzyme activity.

    To immobilize the DNA oligomers to the walls of the
    wells of a 96-well microtiter plate, 65.6 pmol samples of
    annealed DNA, labeled at one end with biotin and on the other
10 with digoxigenin, and containing a centrally located
    restriction site, were added to streptavidin coated wells.
    A control well without DNA was also established (Table 1,
    lane 1). Four of the wells were then treated with anti-
    digoxigenin-peroxidase (anti-dig-POD) antibody in conjugate
15 buffer (Boerhinger Mannheim). Three wells were treated with
    conjugate buffer without antibody. After a 1 hour
    incubation, the wells were washed, and three of the wells
    were treated with 120 units of restriction enzyme for 1 hour
    at 37°C (Table 1, lanes 3, 5, and 7). The other wells were
20 treated with the same solution without restriction enzyme.
    The wells were then washed again and assayed for intact
    (unhydrolyzed) oligomer by standard ELISA. The amount of
    complete, annealed DNA in the sample was indicated by the
    Vmax in mOD/mm.

25 The results for this experiment are compiled in Table 1
    below. In the absence of DNA, the background Vmax value of
    the reaction was 0.89. In the absence of restriction enzyme
    and without pretreatment (Table 1, lane 2) the Vmax value of
    complete, unhydrolyzed annealed DNA was 30.96. In contrast,
30 the Vmax value was 2.52 when non-pretreated, immobilized DNA
    was treated with restriction enzyme (Table 1, lane 3). The
    decrease in the Vmax indicates that the restriction enzyme
    hydrolyzed the immobilized oligomer.

    Pretreatment of the immobilized oligomer with anti-dig-
35 POD did not affect the assay (Table 1, lanes 4, 6, and 8) for
    intact oligomer since values of 34.96, 45.33 and 53.71,
    respectively, were obtained. However, pretreatment with
    anti-dig-POD did affect restriction enzyme activity (Table 1,
    lanes 5 and 7) because less hydrolysis of the oligomer
    occurred when the oligomer was pretreated prior to addition
    of the restriction enzyme. Pretreated samples that were
    later subjected to restriction enzyme (Table 1, lanes 5 and
    7) had Vmax values of 15.17 and 14.64, respectively, whereas

oligomer that was not pretreated, but was restricted, had a
Vmax of only 2.52. Thus, pretreatment of the oligomer with
anti-dig-POD prior to the addition of the restriction enzyme
reduced the activity of the restriction enzyme 17 fold,
indicating that the interaction between anti-dig-POD and the
5 digoxigenin labeled DNA oligomer affected the ability of the
restriction enzyme to cleave the oligomer. These results
demonstrate that the addition of agents that interact with
the oligomer to the reaction mixture affects the ability of
the restriction enzyme to cleave the oligomer.
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Table 1

Lane	Oligomer	Pretreatment with antibody	Restriction Enzyme	anti-digoxigenin-peroxidase (Vmax in mOD/min)
1	-	-	-	0.89
2	+	-	-	30.96
3	+	-	+	2.52
4	+	+	-	34.96
5	+	+	+	15.17
6	+	+	-	45.33
7	+	+	+	14.64
8	+	+	-	53.71

    This example demonstrates that a "receptor" interacting
with a ligand attached to a DNA backbone can strongly
25 influence restriction of the DNA backbone.

    Examples 4-8 demonstrate the sensitivity of the
fluorescence polarization assay and the differential binding
pattern of biological samples to various probes. The
30 molecular probes used in these examples are listed in Table
II.

        EXAMPLE 4:   **THE FLUORESCENCE POLARIZATION
                        ASSAY IS A SENSITIVE METHOD FOR
                        DETECTING AN INTERACTION BETWEEN
35   A PROBE AND A BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE**

    The following example demonstrates that the ability of
various probes to bind to a component(s) of a biological
sample varies with the concentration of the component(s) in
the sample. Furthermore, this example demonstrates the
differential binding of probes to a component(s) of a
biological sample.

Serial dilutions of pooled human serum (Sigma Lot #116H4661) in PBS (pH=7.4) were prepared such that the concentrations of total protein in the samples were 65.6 mg/mL, 13.1 mg/mL, 2.6 mg/mL, 0.52 mg/mL, and 0.1 mg/mL. Then, 150 μL of PBS and 1.0 μL of a DMSO solution containing

5   probe #5 (Table II) at a concentration of 1.0×10^{-3} mg/mL were added to wells A1-A6 of a 96-well microtiter plate. Subsequently, 10 μL samples of human serum solution containing 65.6 mg/mL, 13.1 mg/mL, 2.6 mg/mL, 0.52 mg/mL, and 0.1 mg/mL of total protein were added to wells A1, A2, A3,

10   A4, and A5, respectively. No human serum solution was added to well A6. Wells B1-B6 were prepared as above to serve as a duplicate for the samples tested in wells A1-A6.

Similar to the description above, 150 μL of PBS and 1.0 μL of a DMSO solution containing probe #18 (Table II) at a

15   concentration of 1.0×10^{-3} mg/mL were added to wells C1-C6. Then 10 μL samples of the human serum solution containing 65.6 mg/mL, 13.1 mg/mL, 2.6 mg/mL, 0.52 mg/mL, and 0.1 mg/mL of total protein were added to wells C1, C2, C3, C4, and C5, respectively. No human serum solution was added to well C6.

20   Wells D1-D6 were prepared as above to serve as a duplicate for the samples tested in wells C1-C6.

Probes # 20-24 (Table II) were similarly treated as described above. The 96-well microtiter plates were then read in a Fluorolite FPM-2 fluorescence polarization

25   microtiter system, and the resulting polarization (mP) data was averaged for duplicate runs and plotted against total protein. The results as depicted in Figure 1 demonstrate that the binding of the various probes to a component(s) of human serum varies considerably. Furthermore, the

30   concentration of the component(s) present in the human serum affects mP values (a measure of probe binding).

        EXAMPLE 5:   **DOSE RESPONSE OF PROBE #25 TO POOLED HUMAN SERUM AND TO STREPTAVIDIN-HRP CONJUGATE**

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This example demonstrates that probes may be used to differentiate between biological samples. Furthermore, this example demonstrates that the ability of a probe to bind to a component(s) of a biological samples varies as the concentration of the component varies. To determine whether a strong binding interaction to a probe could be observed in the presence of serum proteins, the dose response of probe

#25 (Table II) to pooled human serum and to streptavidin-HRP conjugate was determined. Serial dilutions of pooled human serum (Sigma Lot # 116H4661) in PBS (pH=7.4) were prepared such that the concentrations of total protein in the samples were 65.6 mg/mL, 13.1 mg/mL, 2.6 mg/mL, 0.52 mg/mL, and 0.1

5 mg/mL. Then, 150 μL of PBS and 1.0 μL of a DMSO solution containing probe #25 at a concentration of 1.0×10^{-3} mg/mL were added to wells A1-A6 of a 96-well microtiter plate. Subsequently, 10 μL samples of the human serum solution containing 65.6 mg/mL, 13.1 mg/mL, 2.6 mg/mL, 0.52 mg/mL, and

10 0.1 mg/mL of total protein were added to wells A1, A2, A3, A4, and A5, respectively. No human serum solution was added to well A6. Wells BI-B6 and C1-C6 were prepared as above to serve as duplicates for the samples tested in wells A1-A6.

Serial dilutions of streptavidin-HRP conjugate (Sigma

15 59420) in PBS (pH=7.4) were prepared such that the concentrations of total protein in the samples were 1.0 mg/mL, 0.1 mg/mL, 0.01 mg/mL, 0.001 1 mg/mL, 0.0001 mg/mL, and 0.00001 mg/mL. Then, 150 μL of PBS and 1.0 μL of a DMSO solution containing probe #25 at a concentration of 1.0×10^{-3}

20 mg/mL was added to wells A1-A7 of another 96-well microtiter plate. Subsequently, 10 μL samples of human serum solution containing 1.0 mg/mL, 0.1 mg/mL, 0.01 mg/mL, 0.001 mg/mL, 0.0001 mg/mL, and 0.00001 mg/mL of total protein were added to wells A1-A6. No human serum solution was added to well

25 A7. Wells B1-B7 were prepared as above to serve as a duplicate for the samples tested in wells A1-A7. The fluorescence polarization of the samples in both 96-well microtiter plates were then determined or measured with a Fluorolite FPM-2 fluorescence polarization microtiter system.

30 The resulting polarization (mP) data was averaged for duplicate runs and plotted against the log of total protein.

The data as shown in Figure 2 illustrates that the binding of probe #25 to serum protein is quite weak and, under the conditions of the experiment requires approximately

35 100 μg of serum protein before binding to the probe is observed. In contrast, binding of probe #25 to the streptavidin-HRP conjugate was complete in the presence of 1.0 μg of streptavidin-HRP conjugate. Thus, probe #25 has a higher affinity for the streptavidin-HRP conjugate than for human serum.

EXAMPLE 6:   **DETECTION OF STREPTAVIDIN-HRP CONJUGATE USING PROBE #25 IN POOLED HUMAN AND BOVINE SERUM**

The following experiment demonstrates that a component with high affinity for a probe in a mixed biological sample

5 can be detected at low concentrations.

To determine whether a small amount of a strongly binding protein (streptavidin-HRP conjugate) could be detected in the presence of serum proteins, pooled human serum was spiked with streptavidin-HRP conjugate and the

10 response to probe #25 (Table II) was determined. First, 150 μL of PBS and 10μL of a DMSO solution containing probe #25 at a concentration of 1.0×10^{-3} mg/mL were added to wells A1-A3 of a 96-well microtiter plate. Then, 10 μL samples of a human serum solution at a concentration of 13.1 mg/mL of

15 total protein (obtained by diluting Sigma pooled serum Lot# 116H4661 1:5 in PBS) were added to all three wells. Thus, the total amount of human serum in each well was 131 μg. The three wells represent triplicate determinations for binding of 131 μg of serum proteins to probe #25.

20   Next, 150 μL of PBS and 1.0 μL of a DMSO solution containing probe #25 at a concentration of 1.0×10^{-3} mg/mL were added to wells B1-B3 of a 96-well microtiter plate. Then, 10 μL samples of a human serum solution containing 13.1 mg/mL of total protein (obtained by diluting Sigma pooled

25 serum Lot # 116H4661 1:5 in PBS) and 10 μL samples of a streptavidin-HRP conjugate solution containing 0.1 mg/mL of total protein were added to wells B1-B3. The total amount of human serum protein in each well was 131 μg, and the total amount of streptavidin-HRP conjugate protein was 1.0 μg.

30 Wells B1, B2, and B3 represent triplicate determinations for binding of probe #25 to 1.0 μg of streptavidin-HRP conjugate protein in the presence of 131 μg of serum proteins.

The fluorescence polarization for samples in the microtiter plate was read in a Fluorolite FPM-2 fluorescence

35 polarization microtiter system. The resulting polarization (mP) data were averaged for the three determinations and a bar graph was constructed to show the change in polarization (mP) that occurred in the presence of the streptavidin-HRP conjugate and serum proteins as compared to the serum proteins alone. The results as shown in Figure 3 illustrate that the binding of the probe #25 to 1.0 μg of streptavidin-HRP conjugate protein is easily detected in the presence of

131 μg of serum protein. These results indicate that the
fluorescence polarization assay is sensitive method for
detecting the binding between a probe and a component(s) of a
sample present at μg/mL concentrations.

5   **EXAMPLE 7:   CONSTRUCTION OF A SERUM "FINGERPRINT"
                          WITH PROBES #1-25 BOTH WITH AND
                          WITHOUT STREPTAVIDIN-HRP CONJUGATE**

        The following experiment demonstrates that the presence
of a small amount of a strongly binding component can alter
10 the fingerprint of a biological sample.

        First, 150 μL of PBS and 1.0 μL of a DMSO solution of
probes 1-12, each probe at a concentration of 1 X 10^{-3} mg/mL,
were added to wells A1-A12 of 96-well microtiter plate. This
resulted in wells A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A8, A9, A10,
15 A11, and A12 containing 1.0 μL of a 1 X 10^{-3} mg/mL solution of
probe #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, and #12
(Table II), respectively, as well as 150 μL of PBS. Wells
BI-B12 were treated in the same manner to serve as a
duplicate for probes 1-12.

20   Next, 150 μL of PBS and 1.0 μL of a DMSO solution of
probes 13-24, each probe at a concentration of 1 X 10^{-3} mg/mL,
were added to wells C1-C12 of the same 96-well microtiter
plate. This resulted in wells C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6, C7,
C8, C9, C10, C11, and C12 containing 1.0 μL of a 1 X 10^{-3}
25 mg/mL solution of probe #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18, #19,
#20, #21, #22, #23, and #24 (Table II), respectively, as well
as 150 μL of PBS. Wells D1-D12 were treated in the same
manner to serve as a duplicate for probes C13-C24. Then, 150
μL of PBS plus 1.0 μL of a 1 X 10^{-3} mg/mL DMSO solution of
30 probe #25 were added to wells E1 and E2. E1 and E2 served as
duplicates for probe #25. Subsequently, 10 μL of a 1:10
dilution of pooled human serum (Sigma Lot #116H4661) was
added to wells A1-A12, B1-B12, C1-C12, D1-D12, and E1-E2 in
the 96-well plate. The total protein content in the 10 μL
35 serum aliquot was 65.6 μg.

        The fluorescence polarization of each well of the 96-
well plate was then read in a Fluorolite FPM-2 fluorescence
polarization microtiter system and the resulting polarization
(mP) values were plotted in a bar graph to show a
"fingerprint" of the serum sample. The results are shown in
Figure 4.

Next, each well was spiked with 10 μL of a streptavidin-
HRP conjugate solution containing 0.1 mg/mL of total protein.
The total streptavidin-HRP conjugate protein added to each
well was 1.0 μg. Afterwards, the plate was read in a
Fluorolite FPM-2 fluorescence polarization microtiter system,
and the resulting polarization (mP) values were plotted in
the bar graph shown in Figure 5. This figure depicts a
"fingerprint" of the serum sample with added streptavidin-HRP
conjugate. The results indicate that the presence of a small
amount of streptavidin-HRP conjugate protein is detectable in
the serum samples and that it alters the fingerprint observed
for serum. These results suggest the potential for using the
fluorescence polarization assay to screen for probes which
can differentiate between normal and abnormal components of a
biological sample.

Examples 8-9 demonstrate that the fluorescence
polarization assay can be utilized to screen libraries of
probes for those that distinguish complex mixtures from each
other.

EXAMPLE 8:   **THE IDENTIFICATION OF PROBES
                    WHICH DIFFERENTIALLY BIND TO
                    HUMAN AND BOVINE SERA**

The interaction between the 4,4-difluoro-5,7-dimethyl-4-
bora-3a, 4a-diaza-*s*-indacene-3-proponic acid (BO)-labeled
compounds 1-19 (Molecular Probes, Eugene, OR) listed in Table
II and fetal calf serum or human sera was determined by
fluorescence polarization. Because the amount of protein in a
sample effects binding to a probe, the total amount of
protein in the human and fetal bovine sera for this
experiment was determined. The human serum sample (Sigma Lot
#116H4661) contained 65.6 mg/mL of total protein while the
fetal bovine serum (Sigma Lot #96H4615) contained in 47.3
mg/mL of total protein. To minimize effects due to total
protein concentration, the experiment was run using 10μL
portions of fetal bovine serum and 47.3/65.6 X 10μL = 7.2μL
of human serum.

To wells A1-A10, B1-B10, C1-C9, D1-D9, E1-E10, F1-F10,
G1-G9, and H1-H9 of a 96-well microtiter plate 150μL of PBS
was added. To wells A1-A10, B1-B10, C1-C9, D1-D9, E1-E10,
F1-F10, 1.0μL of dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) solution of
compounds 1-10, each compound at a concentration of 1 X 10⁻³

mg/ml was added. In this manner, wells A1, B1, E1 and F1
each contained 150μL of PBS plus 1.0μL of a 1 X 10^{-3} mg/ml
DMSO solution of compound #1. Similarly, wells A2, B2, E2
and F2 contained 150μL of PBS plus 1.0μL of a 1 X 10^{-3} mg/ml
DMSO solution of compound #2 and so on for wells 3-10. To
5   wells C1-C9, D1-D9, G1-G9 AND H1-H9, 1.0μL of a DMSO solution
of compounds 11-19, each compound at a concentration of 1 X
10^{-3} mg/ml was added. In this matter, wells, C1, D1, G1 and
H1 each contained 150μL of PBS plus 1.0μL of a 1 X 10^{-3} mg/ml
of PBS plus 1.0μL of a 1 X 10^{-3} mg/ml DMSO solution of
10 compound #12 and so on for wells 13-19. The plate was then
read in a Fluorolite FPM-2 fluorescence polarization
microtiter system with a 485 nm excitation filter and a 530
nm emission filter. The resulting polarization (mP) and
intensity data represents a blank reading.
15   Next, to wells A1-A10, B1-B10, C1-C9, D1-D9, which
contained PBS and a probe as described above, 7.2μL of human
serum (Sigma Lot #116H4661) was added. Thus, series A1-A10
and B1-B10 were duplicates for compounds 1-10 and series C1-
C9 and D1-D9 were duplicates for compounds 11-19 in human
20 serum. Similarly, to wells E1-E10, F1-F10, G1 -G19, and H1-
H9, which contained PBS and a probe as described above, 10μL
of fetal bovine serum (Sigma Lot #96H4615) was added. Thus,
series E1-E10 and F1-F10 are duplicates for compounds 1-10
and series G1-G9 and H1-H9 were duplicates for compounds 11-
25 19 in fetal bovine serum. The plate was then read in a
Fluorolite FPM-2 fluorescence polarization microtiter system
as described above. The resulting polarization (mP) and
intensity data is depicted in Figure 6. The mP value for
each probe is plotted as a bar graph. The first two bars
30 represent the values for the human serum duplicates and the
last two bars represent the values for the bovine serum
duplicates for each probe. This mP data represents the
extent of polarization from the tag emission. A high reading
indicates that the tagged compound was bound to a
35 macromolecule and a low reading indicates that the tagged
compound was less bound to a lesser extent. As can be seen,
compounds #2 and #18 are bound to a macromolecule to a
greater extent in human serum than in fetal bovine serum.

EXAMPLE 9:   THE IDENTIFICATION OF PROBES WHICH
                  DIFFERENTIALLY BIND TO BIOLOGICAL
                  SAMPLES FROM DIFFERENT MAMMALIAN SPECIES

        The following example ·demonstrates that biological
5   samples can be distinguished from one another, including
    distinguishing species from species and diseased from
    undiseased, based on the differential binding pattern
    generated when they are screened with a library of probes.
        1μL of each of the samples listed in Table 3 were
10 combined with fluorescently tagged molecules in 96-well
    microtiter plates and the fluorescence polarization was
    measured using a Fluorolite FPM-2 fluorescence polarization
    microtiter system.   The following fluorescently labeled
    probes were utilized in the fluorescence polarization assays:
15 BODIPY labeled myo-inositol-1-phosphate (Probe 18; Molecular
    Probes) at about 0.18 nM final concentration, fluorescein
    labeled phenytoin (Probe 70; Sigma) at 10.5 nM final
    concentration, fluorescein labeled probe 129 (Sepracor) at
    0.096 μg/ml final concentration, fluorescein labe᠄ᵈ probe
20 135 (Sepracor) at 0.078 μg/ml final concentration, ᶝnd
    fluorescein labeled probe 147 (Sepracor) at 0.09 μg/ml final
    concentration. Fluorescence polarization values for the
    interaction between each probe and blood plasma or cell
    extracts were determined.
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Table 3. List of Biological Samples Used in the Assays.

Sample number	Source
1	Pooled human blood plasma
2	Pooled calf serum
3	Pooled fetal calf serum
4	Cynomologous monkey blood plasma
5	Baboon blood plasma
6	Rhesus monkey blood plasma
7	African green monkey blood plasma
8	Pooled Squirrel monkey blood plasma
9	Pooled WKY rat blood plasma
10	Pooled SHR rat blood plasma
11	Chicken embryo fibroblast extract
12	*Src* transformed chicken embryo fibroblast cell extract

Based upon the fluorescence polarization values, BODIPY labeled myo-inositol-1-phosphate (Probe 18) demonstrated differential binding for samples from different species (Figure 7). For example, the fluorescence polarization value for pooled human plasma was almost 3-fold higher than the

5 fluorescence polarization values for pooled calf serum or pooled fetal calf serum with Probe 18. However, little difference in the fluorescence polarization values was observed for samples from the same species. For example, no significant difference in the fluorescence polarization

10 values was detected for pooled WKY rat blood plasma and pooled SHR rat blood plasma with Probe 18. These results indicate that probes such as myo-inositol-1-phosphate can be used to obtain information about samples from different species.

15 The fluorescence polarization values for fluoresceinated phenytoin (Probe 70) indicate that it would also be a useful probe to differentiate the blood plasma from varies species (Figure 8). For example, the fluorescence polarization value obtained with Probe 70 for pooled human plasma was much

20 higher compared to the other samples. Additionally, a significant difference in the fluorescence polarization values was also detected between pooled calf serum and pooled fetal calf serum. These results suggest that probes such as fluoresceinated phenytoin can be useful in distinguishing not

25 only samples from different species but also samples from the same species at different times during development.

Probes with similar structure may also be useful in distinguishing samples from different species. Probes 147, 129, and 135, which are similar in structure (Figures 9A,

30 10A, and 11A), synthesized by solid phase chemistry and built upon a fluorescein backbone, provided sufficient information for the classification of blood samples from the six primates listed in Table 3. Probes 147 and 129 demonstrated higher polarization values after incubation with primate (human and

35 non-human) blood plasma than with non-primate blood plasma (Figures 9B and 10B). However, probe 129 exhibited a higher polarization signal when incubated with blood plasma from monkeys than with blood plasma from humans (Figure 10B). The fluorescence polarization value observed for probe 135 was higher when it was incubated with a sample of African green monkey plasma than with the plasma samples from other monkeys or humans (Figure 11B). Therefore, the differential binding

pattern of probes 129, 135, and 147 to primate blood plasma
samples can be complied so that the information may be used
to accurately distinguish the samples from one another.

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EXAMPLE 10:   THE IDENTIFICATION OF PROBES
               WHICH DISTINGUISH *STAPHYLOCOCCUS*
               AUREUS FROM METHICILLIN RESISTANT
               STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS

5   The following experiments were performed to identify
probes which could be used to distinguish *Staphylococcus*
aureus (*S. aureus*), methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus*
aureus (MRSA), and *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*).

        Staphylococcus aureus (SA), methicillin resistant
10 *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA), and *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*)
were inoculated into 25 ml or 35ml volumes of Brain Heart
Infusion medium (BHI, Difco). The cultures were incubated in
a 37°C shaker until the $O.D._{600nm}$ values were 0.344 for *E.*
coli, 0.411 for SA and 0.367 for MRSA. Any differences in
15 the $O.D._{600nm}$ values of the cultures from those above are
indicated in the tables. At this time 5μl samples of
cultures were diluted into 100μl of phosphate buffered saline
(PBS) + 0.1% bovine gamma globulin BGG in 96-well black,
fluorescence polarization microtiter dishes. Subsequently,
20 5μl of diluted fluorescently labeled probes from the library
having a final concentration of about 10nM were added to the
cell suspensions and the plates were incubated for 30 minutes
at 37°C or the indicated incubation period. Following the
incubation period, the amount of fluorescence polarization
25 was determined for each sample using the Fluorolite FPM-2
fluorescence polarization microtiter system. Duplicate
determinations of the fluorescence polarization were
performed for each probe.

        The fluorescently labeled probes used in the
30 fluorescence polarization assays were purchased from outside
sources or synthesized at Sepracor. Table 4 lists the probe
name, the fluorescent label utilized, the source of the
probes, and the probe number.

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Table 4. Library of Fluorescently Tagged Probes.

Probe Number	Probe Name	Fluorescent Label	Source
2A or 1	ryanodine	BODIPY	Molecular Probes
2B or 2	pirenzepine	BODIPY	Molecular Probes
2C or 3	PPHT	BODIPY	Molecular Probes
2D or 4	(+) dihydropyridine	BODIPY	Molecular Probes
2E or 5	(-) dihydropyridine	BODIPY	Molecular Probes
2F or 6	SCH 23390	BODIPY	Molecular Probes
2G or 7	Cholesteryl C12	BODIPY	Molecular Probes
2H or 8	verapamil	BODIPY	Molecular Probes
3A or 9	Ro1986	BODIPY	Molecular Probes
3B or 10	(+/-) CGP 12177	BODIPY	Molecular Probes
3C or 11	prazosin	BODIPY	Molecular Probes
3D or 12	NAPS	BODIPY	Molecular Probes
3E or 13	ABT	BODIPY	Molecular Probes
3F or 14	brefeldin A	BODIPY	Molecular Probes
3G or 15	forskolin	BODIPY	Molecular Probes
3H or 16	C12-MPP	BODIPY	Molecular Probes
4A or 17	bis indolymaleimide	BODIPY	Molecular Probes
4B or 18	myo-inositol-1-phosphate	BODIPY	Molecular Probes
4C or 19	C12 galactocerebroside	BODIPY	Molecular Probes
4D or 20	colchicine	Fluorescein	Molecular Probes
4E or 21	naloxone	Fluorescein	Molecular Probes
4F or 22	dexamethasone	Fluorescein	Molecular Probes
4G or 23	histamine	Fluorescein	Molecular Probes
4H or 24	methotextrate	Fluorescein	Molecular Probes
5A or 25	biotin	Fluorescein	Molecular Probes
5B or 26	amiloride	BODIPY	Molecular Probes
5C or 27	thapsigargin	BODIPY	Molecular Probes
5D or 28	stachyose	Fluorescein	Molecular Probes
5E or 29	fim-1	Fluorescein	Molecular Probes
5F or 30	773-98-2	Fluorescein	Sepracor
5G or 31	dehydroabietylamine	Fluorescein	Sepracor
5H or 32	1-piperonylpiperazine	Fluorescein	Sepracor
6A or 33	4-(2-keto-1-benzimidaz...	Fluorescein	Sepracor

Probe Number	Probe Name	Fluorescent Label	Source
6B or 34	perhexiline	Fluorescein	Sepracor
6C or 35	1-(4-	Fluorescein	Sepracor
6D or 36	Sep0119288	Fluorescein	Sepracor
6E or 37	serotonin	coumarin	Sepracor
6F or 38	773-99-2	coumarin	Sepracor.
6G or 39	dehydroabietylamine	coumarin	Sepracor
6H or 40	norphenylephrine	coumarin	Sepracor
7A or 41	1-piperonylpiperazine	coumarin	Sepracor
7B or 42	4-(2-keto-1-benzimidaz...	coumarin	Sepracor
7C or 43	norfloxacin	coumarin	Sepracor
7D or 44	enoxacin	coumarin	Sepracor
7E or 45	1-(5-	coumarin	Sepracor
7F or 46	desferroxamine	fluorescein	Molecular Probes
7G or 47	form-nle-leu-phe-nle-tyr-	fluorescein	Molecular Probes
7H or 48	newport green	newport green	Molecular Probes
8A or 49	DHPE	fluorescein	Molecular Probes
8B or 50	Fluo-3AM cell permeant	dichlorofluorescei	Molecular Probes
8C or 51	SCH-23390	fluorescein	Molecular Probes
8D or 52	gly-gly-his	fluorescein	Molecular Probes
8E or 53	colchicine	fluorescein	Molecular Probes
8F or 54	5-dodecanoylamino	fluorescein	Molecular Probes
8G or 55	sodium green	sodium green	Molecular Probes
8H or 56	phen green	phen green	Molecular Probes
9A or 57	F-18	fluorescein	Molecular Probes
9B or 58	naltrexone	fluorescein	Molecular Probes
9C or 59	methotrexate	fluorescein	Molecular Probes
9D or 60	C8FDG	fluorescein	Molecular Probes
9E or 61	globotriose GB3	fluorescein	Molecular Probes
9F or 62	vancomycin	fluorescein	Sigma
9G or 63	total T4	fluorescein	Sigma
9H or 64	primadone	fluorescein	Sigma
10A or 65	amikacin	fluorescein	Sigma
10B or 66	theophylline	fluorescein	Sigma

Probe Number	Probe Name	Fluorescent Label	Source
10C or 67	phenobarbital	fluorescein	Sigma
10D or 68	tobramycin	fluorescein	Sigma
10E or 69	gentamicin	fluorescein	Sigma
10F or 70	phenyton	fluorescein	Sigma
10G or 71	N-acetylprocainamide	fluorescein	Sigma
10H or 72	r(h) annexin V	fluorescein	R&D System
11A or 73	fl-12-dUTP	fluorescein	Sepracor
11B or 74	5-tetradecanoylamino-fl	fluorescein	Sepracor
11C or 75	Tetanus toxin, C-fragment		Sepracor
11D or 76	FITC-a-bungarotxin	fluorescein	Sepracor
11E or 77	FITC-lectin, Sweet pea	fluorescein	Sepracor
11F or 78	FITC-lectin, Osage	fluorescein	Sepracor
11G or 79	FITC-lectin, Lentil	fluorescein	Sepracor
11H or 80	FITC-LPS, Sal. Abortus	fluorescein	Sepracor

Based upon the fluorescence polarization values, four probes (11A, 10B, 6D, and 10E) showed differential binding to the Staphylococcal strains in comparison to BHI medium (not inoculated) or the *E. coli* sample (Table 5). The fluorescence polarization assay was repeated using probes 10B, 10E, and 6D to determine if they could be used to distinguish SA from MRSA. Probes 10B and 10E did not demonstrate differential binding to *Staphylococcus aureus* (SA) in comparison to methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA). No significant difference in the fluorescence polarization values for SA, MRSA, *E. coli*, and uninoculated BHI medium samples were obtained with probes 10B or 10E (Table 6). Therefore, probes 10B and 10E are not useful for differentiating SA from MRSA, *E. coli*, and uninoculated BHI medium.

Table 5. Fluorescence Polarization Values for the Bacterial Culture Samples Probed with Fluorescently Tagged Molecules.

Bact.	2A	3A	4A	5A	6A	7A	8A	9A	10A	11A
E. coli	159.5 150.6	199.4 187.9	76.4 77.7	89.7 89.4	192.9 182.6	219.5 220.7	192.1 209.1	79.6 79.3	247.5 259.0	233.9 231.3
SA	160.8 153.3	201.0 198.3	67.4 82.1	83.8 84.4	177.0 174.7	226.2 227.6	203.8 205.5	72.1 75.2	278.7 267.2	243.7 242.0
MRSA	153.3 167.2	196.0 187.9	69.8 81.4	83.5 82.7	182.7 171.9	220.6 227.9	189.6 188.0	72.7 83.0	246.2 277.3	245.6 247.4
BHI	153.4 148.6	191.2 186.8	80.3 76.4	85.3 80.3	192.1 174.9	224.0 218.5	206.7 217.1	75.8 73.8	259.8 271.5	240.8 248.1

	2B	3B	4B	5B	6B	7B	8B	9B	10B	11B
E. coli	193.0 187.6	32.6 28.1	145.2 154.0	93.0 94.1	76.7 78.6	176.0 174.2	236.9 254.7	41.3 45.4	56.2 52.2	130.0 103.3
SA	193.1 178.7	38.8 25.4	154.7 146.3	89.3 81.1	75.0 85.2	173.0 169.7	239.2 243.3	37.4 39.7	65.1 61.5	134.3 104.8
MRSA	197.0 176.0	29.0 25.2	146.7 154.2	87.9 77.8	73.7 66.2	173.6 174.9	252.4 232.6	42.8 43.8	60.7 53.0	130.5 112.8
BHI	189.4 210.9	34.5 31.7	156.4 160.7	83.8 92.1	72.9 82.8	169.9 174.2	249.0 262.1	38.8 38.9	51.7 55.7	134.8 101.8

	2C	3C	4C	5C	6C	7C	8C	9C	10C	11C
E. coli	96.3 100.4	46.2 50.5	85.4 87.2	117.6 189.1	68.9 73.6	198.4 211.8	70.0 80.0	69.8 88.4	114.3 146.7	94.6 106.4
SA	95.1 86.2	48.9 48.9	97.4 90.4	106.5 121.1	75.7 80.1	195.4 209.5	67.5 73.9	73.4 75.5	126.3 146.7	99.2 108.6
MRSA	98.7 92.1	44.4 46.7	90.4 86.7	122.1 110.0	71.2 74.1	122.1 110.0	71.2 74.1	74.2 78.1	135.2 128.9	113.4 111.4
BHI	99.6 100.5	46.7 54.9	88.4 88.7	120.1 131.4	74.6 84.6	208.0 209.3	74.0 78.9	73.3 76.7	126.5 139.1	100.3 107.9

	2D	3D	4D	5D	6D	7D	8D	9D	10D	11D
E. coli	161.6 178.1	56.0 49.9	54.2 51.5	50.6 46.8	261.7 272.5	209.9 223.0	134.6 130.4	63.5 68.2	177.5 198.4	111.1 113.6
SA	172.9 178.7	52.9 46.2	55.5 49.0	52.4 46.4	293.0 294.5	220.3 226.6	147.3 139.2	62.1 61.0	205.8 199.3	117.7 117.8
MRSA	155.0 174.0	51.5 47.3	56.2 52.4	51.1 50.9	299.2 300.0	219.0 225.5	138.6 133.9	53.9 64.0	200.2 210.9	118.4 115.6
BHI	164.6 194.0	50.0 48.6	54.7 50.0	47.8 42.6	271.8 273.1	217.9 223.0	154.7 136.7	57.6 67.4	203.1 213.5	102.6 119.1

	2E	3E	4E	5E	6E	7E	8E	9E	10E	11E
E. coli	91.7 92.4	59.4 45.8	120.2 122.2	57.6 53.2	238.7 230.7	229.6 230.8	53.0 52.6	54.1 51.0	307.0 310.2	132.3 122.8
SA	99.8 104.0	59.5 54.1	141.4 136.8	59.3 58.1	251.2 245.3	231.6 241.7	56.5 55.2	55.9 47.2	328.3 327.8	133.8 123.5
MRSA	93.6 99.3	58.6 52.3	131.4 129.1	59.7 53.7	246.4 231.8	225.6 233.4	53.2 50.7	50.5 47.2	320.4 325.6	138.3 126.4
BHI	96.0 97.4	58.1 50.4	140.6 130.5	55.5 56.6	241.7 245.1	229.7 232.1	55.4 60.7	44.5 48.1	327.0 324.3	120.6 126.3

	2F	3F	4F	5F	6F	7F	8F	9F	10F	11F
E. coli	999.0 / 999.0	47.4 / 49.2	75.8 / 78.4	68.1 / 67.6	263.0 / 276.6	244.5 / 238.7	253.3 / 244.8	214.3 / 192.3	112.8 / 107.6	113.4 / 118.5
SA	999.0 / 173.5	46.3 / 49.9	75.1 / 72.6	70.7 / 63.8	263.5 / 273.9	228.7 / 227.8	247.8 / 253.6	201.3 / 180.4	123.5 / 128.7	108.7 / 127.5
MRSA	175.4 / 181.0	53.2 / 48.5	76.1 / 77.4	70.4 / 68.4	255.2 / 283.2	234.2 / 224.8	254.2 / 255.9	204.1 / 188.5	115.5 / 117.6	111.7 / 118.4
BHI	158.0 / 181.1	54.2 / 46.6	778.4 / 78.2	66.4 / 68.3	251.8 / 282.9	228.8 / 246.2	234.1 / 264.4	191.0 / 195.9	110.4 / 121.6	97.6 / 122.0

	2G	3G	4G	5G	6G	7G	8G	9G	10G	11G
E. coli	272.2 / 270.6	46.8 / 49.8	78.1 / 80.3	188.9 / 204.5	230.2 / 205.2	143.8 / 134.8	37.2 / 38.7	38.4 / 34.0	74.2 / 75.1	43.6 / 37.3
SA	261.5 / 270.8	43.5 / 37.9	79.0 / 82.9	201.6 / 223.7	236.0 / 227.9	129.5 / 140.0	41.5 / 44.5	29.1 / 41.7	73.8 / 80.8	44.4 / 50.4
MRSA	262.3 / 255.5	43.0 / 37.	73.2 / 85.1	213.7 / 221.1	227.7 / 233.0	126.9 / 147.2	36.2 / 38.9	32.3 / 37.4	75.6 / 79.5	39.8 / 45.2
BHI	263.5 / 275.3	42.6 / 40.8	71.9 / 80.8	221.1 / 227.0	224.7 / 246.6	134.8 / 153.3	35.4 / 37.0	29.6 / 38.3	67.9 / 76.2	40.6 / 41.8

	2H	3H	4H	5H	6H	7H	8H	9H	10H	11H
E. coli	108.6 / 96.5	75.6 / 71.1	279.9 / 311.8	174.2 / 190.7	245.7 / 270.0	259.4 / 278.7	55.5 / 51.8	99.2 / 96.4	149.4 / 158.1	67.7 / 73.3
SA	104.7 / 95.4	90.2 / 70.4	308.7 / 308.9	213.1 / 230.5	270.0 / 281.8	250.2 / 266.9	57.4 / 57.2	98.3 / 93.4	161.0 / 175.2	63.1 / 72.2
MRSA	103.8 / 87.1	79.6 / 70.1	309.7 / 318.3	226.5 / 206.9	242.6 / 269.8	235.4 / 263.4	53.5 / 53.7	92.2 / 93.4	142.9 / 170.5	56.9 / 54.4
BHI	94.2 / 93.7	85.2 / 76.0	297.7 / 303.6	212.4 / 231.5	254.8 / 269.3	257.2 / 283.8	55.3 / 63.9	93.2 / 97.3	159.3 / 162.5	55.8 / 67.8

Table 6. Probes 10B and 10E Are Not Useful In Distinguishing Bacterial Strains.

Organism	Probe	Incubation Period (Hr)	O.D.$_{600nm}$ Prior to Dilution	Fluorescence Polarization (MP)
E. coli	B10	7.5	1.068	75.6, 70.4, 70.8, 76.0, 82.2, 79.0
S. aureus	B10	7.5	1.062	75.9, 79.8, 80.4, 70.7, 78.8, 73.3
MRSA	B10	7.5	1.156	73.5, 73.9, 75.4, 76.0, 87.7, 79.7
Medium (BHI)	B10	7.5	0.001	68.0, 74.0, 72.9, 69.6, 61.4, 73.7
E. coli	E10	7.5	1.068	70.9, 72.2, 72.7, 79.2, 75.9, 79.7
S. aureus	E10	7.5	1.062	65.2, 80.8, 70.4, 71.6, 70.2, 75.4
MRSA	E10	7.5	1.156	67.7, 72.5, 71.0, 72.9, 68.3, 78.1
Medium (BHI)	E10	7.5	0.001	66.2, 70.7, 64.9, 69.5, 62.5, 62.5

The results from the fluorescence polarization assay
with probe 6D indicate that this probe is useful for
differentiating SA from MRSA, *E. coli*, and uninoculated BHI
medium (Table 7; Figure 12). A higher fluorescence
polarization value was obtained for *Staphylococcus aureus*
5 (SA) compared to methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*
(MRSA), uninoculated BHI medium, and *E. coli*. This
difference in the fluorescence polarization values was only
detected when the bacterial samples were obtained from
10 cultures incubated for greater than 5 hours (Table 7; Figure
12). SA samples only demonstrated a higher fluorescence
polarization value compared to MRSA samples when the culture
incubation period was 7.5 hours or 24 hours. The
fluorescence polarization values obtained for uninoculated
15 BHI medium were lower than the fluorescence polarization
values obtained for SA and MRSA only when the culture
incubation period was 7.5 hours or 24 hours. In contrast, *E.*
coli samples consistently exhibited the lowest fluorescence
polarization values. Thus, the ability of probe 6D to bind
20 to a component(s) of the bacterial samples changed as the
incubation period of the bacterial cultures increased.
The level of fluorescence polarization obtained with
probe 6D increased over time for SA samples, but decreased
with the other samples. For example, the fluorescence
25 polarization value for *E. coli* decreased from 211.8 +/- 8.8
mP for samples obtained from cultures incubated for 1 hour to
173.4 +/- 3.1 mP for samples obtained from cultures incubated
for 24 hours (Table 7). In contrast, the fluorescence
polarization value of SA increased from 223.3 +/- 5.1 mP for
30 samples obtained from cultures incubated 1 hour to 279.0 +/-
3.3 mP for samples obtained from cultures incubated 24 hours
(Table 7). These results suggest that probe 6D
preferentially binds to some unknown component(s) of SA and
that the expression of this component(s) increases as the
35 culture incubation period increases. Furthermore, the
results indicate that probe 6D can be used to differentiate
SA from MRSA.
This example demonstrates that this assay system is
useful for screening for probes which differentiate bacterial
strains. In this example one probe (6D) from a small library
of 80 fluorescently labeled probes was found useful for

distinguishing the three strains of bacteria used in the
experiments described above.

Table 7. Probe 6D is Useful for Distinguishing Between Bacterial Strains.

Organism	Incubation Period (Hr)	O.D.$_{400nm}$ Prior to Dilution	Fluorescence Polarization (mP)
E. coli	1.0	0.004	211.8 (SD = 8.8)
S. aureus	1.0	0.018	223.3 (SD = 5.1)
MRSA	1.0	0.020	222.4 (SD = 4.4)
Medium (BHI)	1.0	0.002	219.8 (SD = 6.4)
E. coli	2.5	0.08	211.8 (SD = 3.8)
S. aureus	2.5	0.225	215.3 (SD = 3.9)
MRSA	2.5	0.157	219.2 (SD = 4.9)
Medium (BHI)	2.5	0.001	220.0 (SD = 4.0)
E. coli	5.0	1.068	207.8 (SD = 5.6)
S. aureus	5.0	1.062	231.9 (SD = 2.6)
MRSA	5.0	1.156	224.2 (SD = 6.7)
Medium (BHI)	5.0	0.001	227.9 (SD = 4.7)
E. coli	7.5	1.068	198.5 (SD = 7.9)
S. aureus	7.5	1.062	248.7 (SD = 1.4)
MRSA	7.5	1.156	234.9 (SD = 7.9)
Medium (BHI)	7.5	0.001	220.2 (SD = 5.2)
E. coli	24	1.643	173.4 (SD = 3.1)
S. aureus	24	1.781	279.0 (SD = 3.3)
MRSA	24	1.723	207.1 (SD = 3.4)
Medium (BHI)	24	0.002	202.7 (SD = 2.8)

EXAMPLE 11:   THE ABILITY OF PROBE 6D TO
DISTINGUISH STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS
FROM OTHER BACTERIAL STRAINS

The following experiments were performed to determine
whether probe 6D could be used to distinguish Staphylococcus
aureus (SA) from other bacterial strains.

Twelve cultures were inoculated into 35 ml volumes of
Brain Heart Infusion medium (BHI, Difco) with five different
bacterial strains. Although the identity of each culture was
unknown to the experimenter, it was known that four of the

cultures contained *Staphylococcus aureus* (SA), two contained
methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA), two
contained quinoline resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (QRSA),
and two contained vancomycin resistant *Enterococcus faecium*

5 (VREF). The cultures were incubated overnight in a 37°C
shaker. The next day seven, 5 μl samples were taken from
each of the twelve cultures and diluted into 100 μl of
phosphate buffered saline (PBS) + 0.1% BGG in 96-well black,
fluorescence polarization microtiter dishes. Subsequently,

10 5μl of approximately 10 nM probe 6D fluorescein tagged
Sep0119288, was added to the cell suspensions and the plates
were incubated for 30 minutes at 37°C or the indicated
incubation period. Following the incubation period, the
amount of fluorescence polarization was determined for each

15 sample using the Fluorolite FPM-2 fluorescence polarization
microtiter system. The high and low values of the
polarization readings for the seven samples from each of the
twelve unidentified cultures were discarded, and the
remaining five values were averaged and the standard

20 deviations determined.

The fluorescence polarization values determined for
bacterial culture samples containing bacterial cells are
shown in Table 8. The results from the fluorescence
polarization assays for the twelve cultures were grouped

25 based upon their fluorescence polarization values. These
groupings are shown in Figure 13. Each grouping corresponded
to a bacterial strain (Table 9). SA cultures had the highest
fluorescence polarization values and the *E. coli* cultures had
the lowest fluorescence polarization values (Figure 13).

30 Therefore, with this single fluorescent probe twelve unknown
cultures could be accurately grouped into five strains and SA
could be distinguished from the other organisms used in the
study.

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Table 8. Fluorescent Polarization Values for the Twelve
Unidentified Cultures Probed with 6D.

Unknown	MP	SD	N
1	221.4	1.140	5
2	237.6	3.578	5
3	210.0	2.739	5
4	233.8	3.114	5
5	154.0	4.062	5
6	245.8	2.775	5
7	208.8	1.789	5
8	216.6	2.608	5
9	227.2	1.924	5
10	235.4	1.517	5
11	214.8	4.438	5
12	153.2	1.304	5

Table 9. Grouping the Twelve Unidentified Bacterial Cultures into Five Groups Based
on Fluorescence Polarization Values Corresponded to the Bacterial Strain.

Unknown	Organism
1, 9	QRSA
2,4,6,10	SA
3,7	MRSA
5,12	E. coli
8,11	VREF

This example demonstrates that the present invention
provides a method of distinguishing between bacterial
strains. Furthermore, that this example indicates that the
technology of the present invention can be used to detect and
diagnose infectious microorganisms.
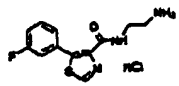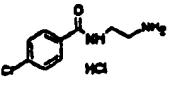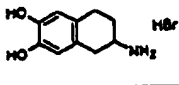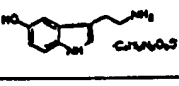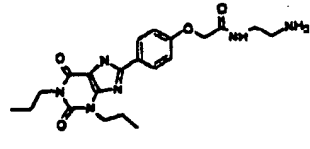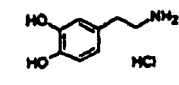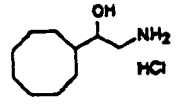
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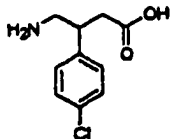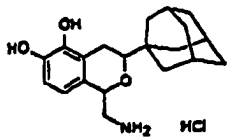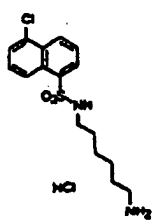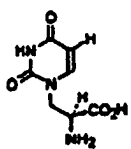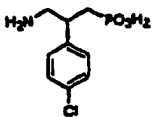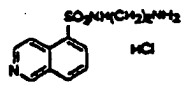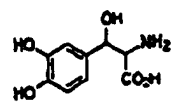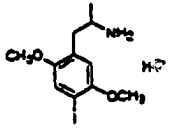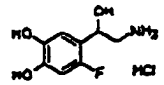
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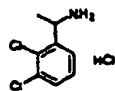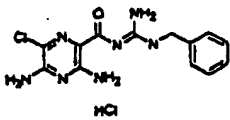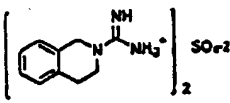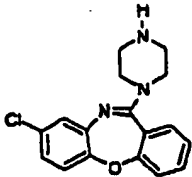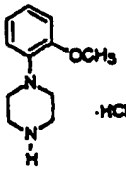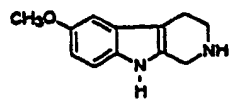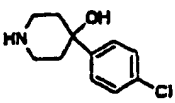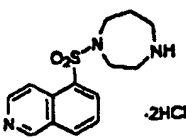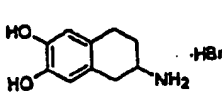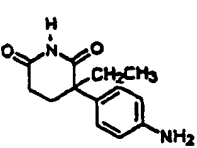
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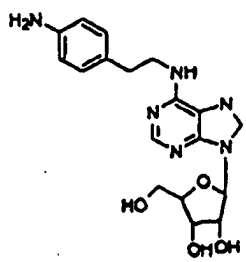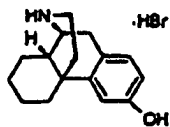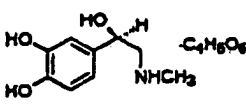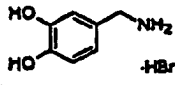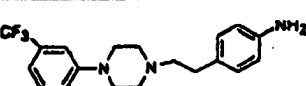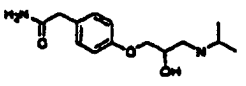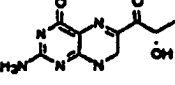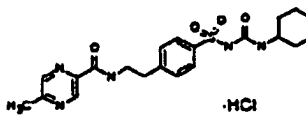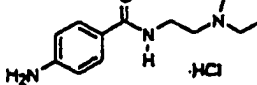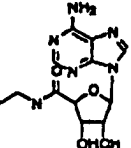
temperature (if amine salts were used, one equivalents of
triethylamine was added to free the amines). After
approximately 24 hours, 2 equivalents of amine scavenger
resin (tris-(2-aminoethyl)-amine polystryrene HL resin) were
added to the reaction mixture. After 24-48 hours, the
5 mixtures were filtered to remove the resins and the filtrates
containing the purified fluorescent-labeled ligands were
further diluted with DMSO to the desired concentration for
screenings. Table 10 lists the amines fluorescently labeled
by solution phase synthesis following Scheme I.
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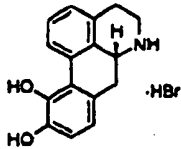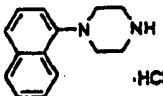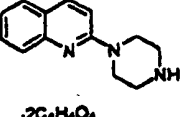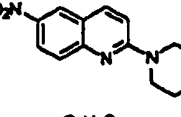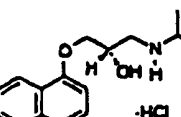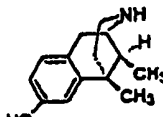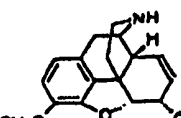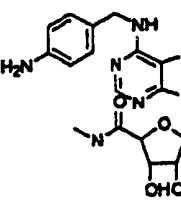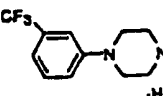
Table 10. List of Amines Fluorescently Labeled

Reactions	Structure of amine (starting material)	MW (Cat. No.)	Mmol used	Weigh (mg)	HPLC purity of ligand (area % at 220nm)
1		301.77 (R107)	0.01	3.02	89.1%
2		235.11 (R106)	0.01	2.35	82.0%
3		260.2 (D002)	0.01	2.60	86.8%
4		387.39 (S010)	0.01	3.87	92.1%
5		428.5 (X100)	0.01	4.29	84.73%
6		189.6 (D019)	0.01	1.89	94.22%
7		207.75 (C108)	0.01	2.08	90.38%

8	H₂N—CH₂... (4-chlorophenyl) CH₂COOH	213.67 (B020)	0.01	2.14	85.12%
9	HO / OH isochroman adamantyl, CH₂NH₂ · HCl	365.9 (A225)	0.01	3.66	78.41%
10	Cl-naphthyl SO₂NH–(CH₂)–NH₂ · HCl	377.4 (W101)	0.01	3.77	93.32%
11	uracil-CH₂–CH(NH₂)CO₂H	199.17 (W105)	0.01	1.99	74.80%
12	H₂N–CH₂ (4-chlorophenyl) PO₃H₂	249.64 (P118)	0.01	2.50	80.71%
13	isoquinoline SO₂NH(CH₂)₂NH₂ · HCl	324.2 (H123)	0.01	3.24	96.48%
14	HO, HO (3,4-dihydroxyphenyl) CH(OH)CH(NH₂)CO₂H	213.19 (B004)	0.01	2.13	83.34%
15	CH₃O, OCH₃, I — CH₂CH(CH₃)NH₂ · HCl	357.6 (D101)	0.01	3.58	94.43%
16	HO, HO, F (dihydroxy-fluorophenyl) CH(OH)CH₂NH₂ · HCl	223.49 (B012)	0.01	2.23	87.25%

16		226.56 (D103)	0.01	2.27	77.96%
17		356.23+ 1.5 H$_2$O (B116)	0.01	3.83	78.28%
18		448.54 (D146)	0.01	4.49	84.39(?)
19		313.79 (A129)	0.01	3.14	79.40%
20		228.7 (S008)	0.01	2.29	85.13%
21		202.3 (M008)	0.01	2.02	77.54%
22		211.69 (H101)	0.01	2.12	83.11%
23		364.29 (H139)	0.01	3.64	82.41%
24		260.2 (D002)	0.01	2.60	92.62%
25		232.27 (A122)	0.01	2.32	82.69%

26		386.41+ 0.5H$_2$O (A202)	0.01	3.95	89.10%
27		324.26+ 0.3H$_2$O (H156)	0.01	3.30	92.28%
28		333.30 (E104)	0.01	3.33	83.03%
29		220.07 (D106)	0.01	2.20	86.94%
30		349.4 (S009)	0.01	3.49	73.21%
31		266.34 (A139)	0.01	2.66	87.79%
32		237.22+ 1.3H$_2$O (S154)	0.01	2.71	76.17%(?)
33		329.79 (G119)	0.01	3.30	78.83%
34		271.79 (P137)	0.01	2.72	79.02%
35		308.29+ 0.75H$_2$O (A014)	0.01	3.23	81.14%

No.	Structure	MW (code)			
36	(structure with HO, HO ·HBr)	334.30+ 0.5ether (D040)	0.01	3.71	79.61%
37	(naphthylpiperazine ·HCl)	248.75 (S003)	0.01	2.49	81.69%
38	(quinoline piperazine ·2C₄H₄O₄)	445.43+ 0.5H₂O (S007)	0.01	4.54	83.19%
39	(O₂N quinoline piperazine ·C₄H₄O₄)	374.35 (Q109)	0.01	3.74	86.99%
40	(structure ·HCl)	295.81 (P110)	0.01	2.96	75.14%
41	(structure HO, CH₃, CH₃)	217.31 (N138)	0.01	2.17	94.88%
42	(structure CH₃O, O, OH)	285.33 (N120)	0.01	2.85	90.09%
43	(structure H₂N, OHOH)	399.41 (A236)		1.0	87.05%
44	(CF₃ piperazine ·HCl)	266.69 (S005)	0.01	2.67	81.26%

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PROCEDURE 2:   **SYNTHESIS OF AMINE CARBAMATE WANG RESIN**

Wang resin (25 g, 20 mmol, 0.8 mmol/g loading) and carbonyl diimidazole (CDI) (20 g, 120 mmol) in dry THF (180 ml) are shaken at room temperature for 2 days. The mixture is filtered and the resin washed thoroughly with DMF, THF and
5 CH_2Cl_2 and dried to give imidazole carbonyl Wang resin (27 g).

The imidazole carbonyl Wang resin (5 g, 4 mmol, 0.8 mmol/g loading) is then treated with piperazine (1.7 g, 20 mmol), homopiperazine (2.0 g, 20 mmol) or 4,4'-trimethylenedipiperidine (4.2 g, 20 mmol) in a separate
10 reaction tube in THF/DMF (1:1, 40 ml) at room temperature for 17 hours. The resin is then thoroughly washed with DMF, THF, and CH_2Cl_2 and dried under vacuum to give the corresponding amine carbamate Wang resin, respectively.

15   PROCEDURE 3:   **SYNTHESIS OF DTAF ON WANG RESIN**
                        VIA AMINE CARBAMATE LINKER

An amine carbamate Wang resin (1.0 equivalents) and DTAF hydrochloride (2.5 equivalents) in DMF in the presence of diisopropylethylamine (DIPEA) (4.0 equivalents) is shaken at
20 room temperature for 12-17 hours. The resin is filtered and washed thoroughly with DMF, THF and then CH_2Cl_2 and dried under vacuum to give monochlorotriazylfluorescein on Wang resin.

25   PROCEDURE 4:   **SYNTHESIS OF DTAF ON TRITYL OR**
                        CHLOROTRITYL RESIN VIA AMINE LINKERS

An amino trityl or amino 2-chlorotrityl resin (Novabiochem) (0.12 mmol, 1.0 equivalents) and DTAF (0.3 mmol, 2.5 equivalents) in DMF (ml) in the presence of DIPEA
30 (0.48 mmol, 4.0 equivalents) is shaken at room temperature for 24-40 hours. The resin is washed with DMF, THF and then DCM and dried under vacuum to yield the monochlorotriazylfluorescein on trityl resin.

35   PROCEDURE 5:   **SYNTHESIS OF DTAF ON RINK RESIN**

Rink amide resin (1 g, 0.8 mmol, 0.8 mmol/g loading) is treated with a 30% solution of piperidine in DMF (5 ml) for 2 hours and the resulting Rink amine resin is washed with DMF following DCM and dried. The Rink amine resin (0.8 mmol) is then shaken with DTAF (2.5 equivalents, 2 mmol) and DIPEA (4.0 equivalents, 3.2 mmol) in 5 ml of DMF for 24 hours. The resin is washed with DMF/THF and then DCM and dried under

vacuum to give the monochlorotriazylfluorescein on Rink resin.

Similarly, Fmoc-amino acid on Rink resin (prepared from Rink amine resin and Fmoc-amino acid under standard peptide synthesis conditions, e.g., DIC/DMAP/DCM) is treated with piperidine in DMF to remove the Fmoc group. The amino acid Rink resin is then treated with 2.5 equivalents of DTAF and 4.0 equivalents of DIPEA in DMF for 24 hours at room temperature. After washing and drying, the monochlorotriazylfluorescein on Rink resin is obtained.

**PROCEDURE 6:   REACTION OF FLUORESCENT
                LINKER WITH A DIAMINE**

Monochlorotriazylfluorescein on a solid support such as Wang resin or trityl resin is treated with 4.0 equivalents of a symmetrical diamine in DMF at room temperature for 24-40 hours. The resin is then washed with DMF/MeOH followed by DCM and dried under vacuum to give an amino fluorescein on solid support.

**PROCEDURE 7:   REPARATION OF A LIBRARY OF
                FLUORESCENT-LABELED UREA COMPOUNDS**

Three amino acid Rink resin (i.e., L_1 of Scheme I is CH_3, isobutyl, benzyl) (500 mg each, 0.4 mmol, 0.8 mmol/g loading) are treated with DTAF (2.5 equivalents) as described above in Procedure 5, respectively, in separate tubes to give three different monochlorofluorescein derivatives on resins. These resins (250 mg each, 0.2 mmol) are then treated with piperazine (4.0 equivalents each) and 4,4'-trimethylenedipiperidine (4.0 equivalents each) individually as in Procedure 6 to give six amino fluorescein labeled resins. The six amino fluorescein resins (25 mg, 0.02 mmol each) are then reacted with 10 isocyanates (3.0 eq each) in THF individually in a parallel fashion to give 60 fluorescent-labeled urea compounds on resins. The resins are then cleaved with 30% TFA/DCM followed by drying under vacuum to give 60 individually labeled fluorescent urea compounds (which are confirmed by HPLC/MS analysis) which are dissolved in 1 ml of DMSO for biological screening.

PROCEDURE 8:   ATTACHING DCSF ON WANG RESIN OR
TRITYL RESIN VIA AMINE LINKERS

An amine carbamate Wang resin (4 mmol, 0.8 mmol/g) and
DCSF (2.0 equivalents, 8 mmol) in 50 ml of dry DMF in the
presence of DIPEA (2.0 equivalents, 8 mmol) is shaken at room
5 temperature for 2-3 days. The resin is then washed with DMF,
MeOH followed by DCM and dried to give the
monochlorosulfofluorescein on Wang resin.

In a similar manner, a piperazine trityl resin is
treated with DCSF in the presence of DIPEA in DMF to give the
10 monochlorosulfofluorescein on trityl resin.

PROCEDURE 9:   REACTION OF MONOCHLOROSULFOFLUORESCEIN
WITH CYCLIC DIAMINE

The fluorescein on Wang resin (1.33 mmol, 1.0
15
equivalents) from Procedure 8 is treated with a cyclic
diamine such as piperazine (4.0 mmol, 3.0 equivalents) in 10
ml of DMF for 24 hours. The resin is then washed with
DMF/MeOH followed by DCM and dried under vacuum to give amino
sulfofluorescein on Wang resin.
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PROCEDURE 10: PREPARATION OF
SULFOFLUORESCEIN LABELED LIBRARY

The amino sulfofluorescein Wang resins containing
25 different diamine linkers (e.g., a combination of piperazine,
homopiperazine and 4,4'-trimethylenedipiperidine) is treated
in a parallel fashion with different organic acids (10
equivalents) in the presence of a coupling agent such as
diisopropylcarbodiimide (DIC) (10 equivalents) and DMAP (5.0
30 equivalents) in DMF/DCM at room temperature for 24-48 hours.
After the amine is completely acylated (followed by HPLC by
cleavage of small amount of resin), the resin is washed with
DMF/MeOH followed by DCM and dried under vacuum. The desired
fluorescent-labeled compounds are then obtained by cleavage
35 from the resin using 30% TFA/DCM followed by vacuum drying.

PROCEDURE 11: SYNTHESIS OF FLUORESCENT
LABELED QUINZALINONE

In Step 1, Wang resin bound O-hydroxylamine (ref: Floyd,
C.D., et al. Tetrahedron Lett. 1996, vol. 37, 8045)(2.0 g,
1.6 mmol, 0.8 mmol/g loading) is treated with isatoic
anhydride (6.4mmol, 4.0 equivalent) in 25 ml of DMF in the

presence of DMAP (0.8 mmol, 0.5 equivalent) at 65-70°C with
shaking for 26 hours. The resulting resin mixture is then
filtered and washed thoroughly with DMF, MeOH and DCM and
dried to give the N-hydroxyamide on resin.

In Step 2, the N-hydroxyamide resin 0.04 mmol, 50 mg,
0.8 mmol/g loading) is treated with commercially available
first group of Fmoc-protected α-amino acid (0.2 mmol, 5.0
equivalent), coupling agent PyBrOP (Bromo-tris-pyrrolidino-
phosphonium hexafluorophosphate, 0.2 mmol, 5.0 equivalent)and
DMAP (0.2 mmol, 5.0 equivalent) in dimethyl acetamide (DMAC)
solvent (0.6 ml) at 60-65°C with shaking for 20-24 hours.
The resin is filtered and washed with DMF, MeOH and DCM
thoroughly and dried to give the quinazolinone on resin. The
resin is then suspended in 30% piperidine in DMF (0.6 ml) to
remove the Fmoc-protecting group from the amine group to give
the free amino quinazolinone resin after filtration and
washing for attachment of next reactive block.

In Step 3, the amino quinazolinone on resin (50 mg, 0.04
mmol) is. treated with second group of Fmoc-protected amino
acii (0.2 mmol, 5.0 equivalent), coupling agent DIC
(diisopropylcarbodiimide, 0.2 mmol, 5.0 equivalent), HOBt(N-
hydroxybenzotriazole, 0.2 mmol, 5.0 equivalent) and DMAP
(0.04 mmol, 1.0 equivalent) in DMF (0.6 ml) at room
temperature for 20-24 hours. The resin is then filtered and
washed thoroughly with DMF, MeOH and DCM and dried. The
resin is then suspended in 30% piperidine in DMF (0.6 ml) to
remove the Fmoc-protecting group from the amine group to give
the free amino resin after filtration and washing for
attachment of the dye.

In Step 4, the amine resin (0.04 mmol) is treated with
DTAF•HCl dye (Dichlorotriazylamino fluorescein
monohydrochloride, 0.08 mmol, 2.0 equivalent) and DIPEA
(diisopropylethylamine, 0.16 mmol, 4.0 equivalents) in DMF
(0.6 ml) at room temperature with shaking for 20-24 hours.
The resin is then filtered and washed thoroughly with DMF,
MeOH and DCM and dried to give the fluorescent-labeled
quinazolinone on resin.

In Step 5, the fluorescent-labeled resin (0.04 mmol) is
treated with 30% Trifluoracetic acid (TFA) in DCM (1.0 ml) at
room temperature with shaking for 1-2 hours. This mixture is
filtered and the resin is rinsed with 0.5 ml of DCM. The
combined filtrate is collected and evaporated under vacuum to

dryness to give the desired fluorescent-labeled quinazolinone
ligand which may be dissolved in DMSO for screenings.

A library of the above fluorescent-labeled quinazolinone
ligands are made by performing the above reactions in a
parallel manner using different isatoic anhydrides and Fmoc-
5 protected amino acids.

PROCEDURE 12:   SYNTHESIS OF LIGANDS USING
UGI-COUPLING ON SOLID PHASE

Rink amine resin (1.0 equivalents)(Prepared by treatment
10 of commercial Rink amine resin with 25% piperidine in DMF) is
swelled in MeOH/DCM (1:2, v/v). The aldehyde (10 equivalent)
and Fmoc-protected amino acid (10 equivalent) are added. The
mixture is shaken at room temperature for 1-2 hours. The
isocyanide (10 equivalent) is then added. The mixture is
15 shaken at room temperature for 20-24 hours. The resin is
then filtered and washed thoroughly with DMF, MeOH and DCM
and dried. The resin is then treated with 25% piperidine in
DMF to give the resin containing a free amine group. The
resin is then treated with 2.0-3.0 equivalent of DTAF and 4-6
20 equivalents of DIPEA in DMF to give the fluorescent-labeled
ligand on resin after filtration and washing as usual. The
desired fluorescent-labeled ligand is then obtained after
cleavage from the resin with TFA/DCM and drying.

25   **EXAMPLE 13:   THE USE OF FLUORESCENCE POLARIZATION**
TO DISTINGUISH AND IDENTIFY HUMAN
BLOOD SERA SAMPLES

The following example illustrates the use of the present
invention to distinguish and/or identify two or more human
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blood sera samples. For example, normal sera and abnormal
sera can be distinguished from each other based upon the
differential binding pattern generated when the samples are
screened with a library of probes. In addition, the
invention may be used, upon solution of the appropriate
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probes, to distinguish diabetic sera from normal or otherwise
non-diabetic sera. The discussion below illustrates the
general procedures, to be employed to distinguish between
human sera samples.

Fluorescein labeled probes from three different library
plates (XN1192-54, XN1043-58, GY1175-96 and Plate 1) are
combined with sera samples purchased from Western States
Plasma Company (Fallbrook, CA). The sera samples consisted

of diabetic sera pooled from three diabetic individuals
(confirmed to be diabetic by reference laboratories) and
pooled sera from normal individuals (Lot HS300; SeraCare,
Oceanside, California).

First, 2.5 μl of each fluorescein labeled probe (1-10
5 nM) was combined with 95 μl of buffer (PBS + 0.03% lithium
dodecysulfate) and 5 μl of sera in 96-well plates. Then the
mixtures were incubated at 37°C for 30 minutes. The sera
samples, where indicated, were centrifuged at 20,000 xg for
3.5 hours and 5 μl of the lower, straw colored sera layer was
10 assayed for probe binding. The fluorescence polarization for
each probe with each sample was determined by utilizing the
Fluorolite FPM-2 fluorescence polarization microtiter system.
Each probe was tested with each sample in triplicate and the
resulting fluorescence polarization values (MP) were
15 averaged.

In an initial screen with 80 fluorescein labeled probes,
probes showed a significant difference in the fluorescence
polarization values obtained for the two sera samples. These
probes were screened again in triplicate under the same
20 conditions. The probes listed in Table 11 and depicted in
Table 12 showed a significant difference in the fluorescence
polarization values obtained for normal pooled sera (Lot
HS300) and diabetic sera (Figure 14). The fluorescence
polarization values obtained for 10 of the 12 probes listed
25 in Table 11 were higher for diabetic sera than for normal
sera (Lot HS300). The results suggest that probes 58A2,
58A3, 58A6, 58B6, 58B7, 58B11, 58H8, 96G3, 54G3, and P1B4 are
preferentially binding to some component(s) present in
diabetic sera.
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Table 13						
PROBES THAT DISTINGUISH SERA SAMPLES						
Plate	Probe	Intensity Diabetic	MP Diabetic	Intensity Normal	MP Normal	Δ MP
XN1143-58	A2	146	326.8	123	301.5	25.3
XN1143-58	A3	209	241.7	185	216.4	25.3
XN1143-58	A6	217	232.0	195	205.9	26.1
XN1143-58	B6	214	233.6	199	203.3	30.3
XN1143-58	B7	245	209.9	225	182.8	27.1
XN1143-58	B11	194	244.4	183	212.8	31.6
XN1143-58	H8	166	277.4	146	247.5	29.9
GY1175-96	G3	319	259.2	324	225.0	34.2
XN1192-54	C6	566	233.7	561	292.0	58.5
XN1192-54	E8	314	250.0	313	297.3	47.3
XN1192-54	G3	253	212.1	235	176.8	35.3
PLATE 1	B4	395	181.3	372	159.7	21.6

One possible reason for the difference in the
fluorescence polarization values obtained for the normal (Lot
HS300) and diabetic sera samples is that the lipid content in
diabetic sera is higher than in normal sera. In order to
determine if the lipid content of the diabetic sera was
affecting the fluorescence polarization values obtained, the
sera samples were depleted of lipids by centrifugation and
the fluorescence polarization was determined using the same
probes listed in Table 11. The fluorescence polarization
values obtained with the probes are listed in Table 12 and
are depicted graphically in Figure 15. The magnitude of the
difference between the fluorescence polarization values for
diabetic sera and normal sera (Lot HS300) using probes 58A2,
58A3, 58A6, 58B6, 58B7, 58B11, 58H8, 96G3, 54G3, and P1B4
appears to be greater when the sera is depleted of lipids.
The polarization values are higher for the lipid depleted
diabetic sera than for undepleted diabetic sera. These
results indicate that the lipid content of the diabetic sera
does not explain the why diabetic sera compared to normal
sera (Lot HS300) binds preferentially to probes 58A2, 58A3,
58A6, 58B6, 58B7, 58B11, 58H8, 96G3, 54G3, and P1B4.

Furthermore, these results suggest that a lipid component(s)
present in the diabetic sera reduces the binding affinity of
probes 58A2, 58A3, 58A6, 58B6, 58B7, 58B11, 58H8, 96G3, 54G3,
and P1B4 for another component(s) present in diabetic sera.

Table 14						
COMPARISON OF PROBE BINDING TO LIPID DEPLETED DIABETIC AND NORMAL HUMAN SERA						
Plate	Probe	Intensity Diabetic	MP Diabetic	Intensity Normal	MP Normal	Δ MP
XN1054-58	A2	153	341.4	117	287.6	54.3
XN1043-58	A3	214	265.8	183	211.7	54.1
XN1043-58	A6	222	251.9	202	209.6	42.3
XN1043-58	B6	230	245.7	209	204.1	41.6
XN1043-58	B7	249	235.4	232	201	34.4
XN1043-58	B11	205	260.6	197	226.2	34.4
XN1043-58	H8	167	291.8	169	262.3	29.5
GY1175-96	G3	343	268.2	376	229.8	22.5
XN1192-54	C6	593	247.4	622	269.9	22.5
XN1192-54	E8	326	263.4	338	287.4	24.0
XN1192-54	G3	273	208.9	270	208.9	0.0
PLATE 1	B4	273	179.0	270	181	1.2

     In the case of probes 54C6 and 54E8, the difference in
the fluorescence polarization values between the lipid
depleted diabetic sera and lipid depleted normal sera (Lot
HS300) is relatively unchanged compared to the differences
observed between lipid containing sera. However, the effect
of removing the lipid content of the sera dramatically
affects the difference in fluorescence polarization values
obtained for normal (Lot HS300) and diabetic sera using
probes 54G3 and P1B4. In the presence of lipids the
fluorescence polarization values for the diabetic sera are
significantly higher for these two probes than for the normal
sera (Lot HS300). However, in lipid depleted sera the
fluorescence polarization values for normal (Lot HS300) and
diabetic sera using probes 54G3 and P1B4 are almost
identical. These results suggest that probes 54G3 and P1B4
are binding to a lipid soluble ligand in the diabetic sera.

The effect of the lipid depletion on probe binding suggests that the probes are binding to a minimum of three different targets or more.

In summary, the results described above demonstrate that human sera samples can be distinguished from one another using the fluorescence polarization-based assay described in the present invention. Furthermore, the methods utilized in this example can be used to identify probes that distinguish normal and diabetic sera.

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Table II
BO- and FL-Labeled Compounds for Examples 4-8
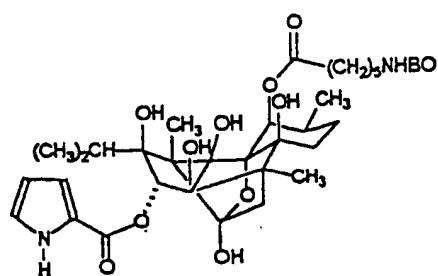
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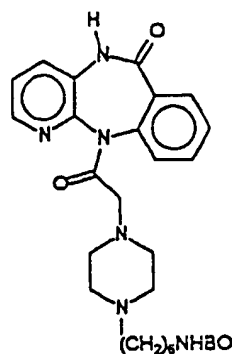
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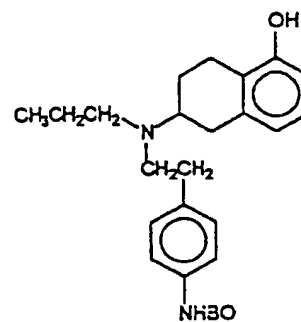
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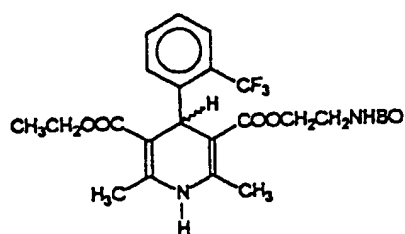
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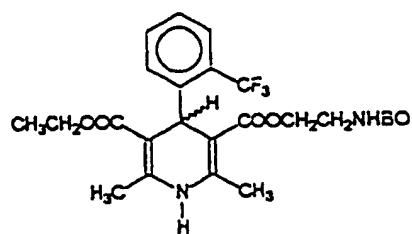
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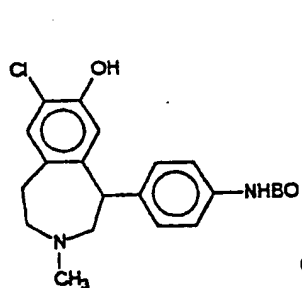
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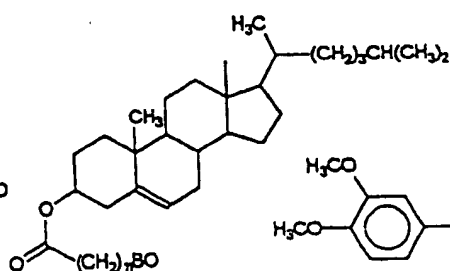
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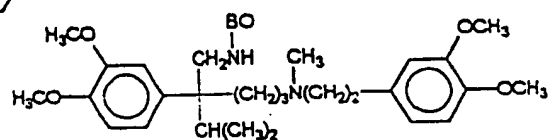
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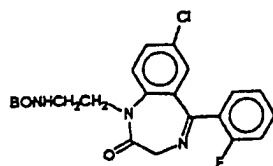
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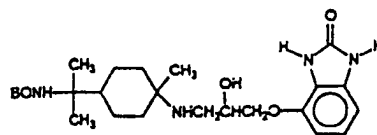
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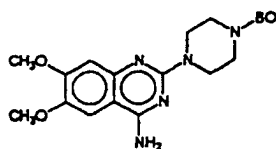
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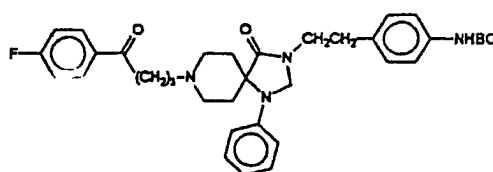
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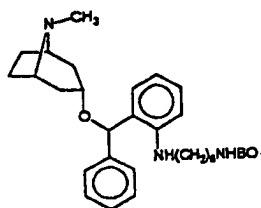
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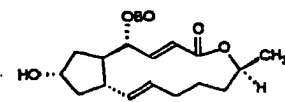
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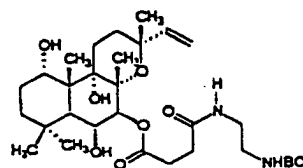
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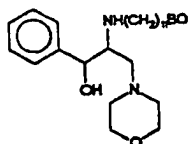
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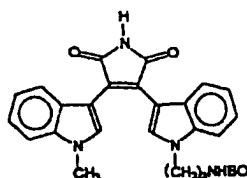
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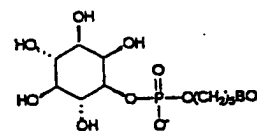
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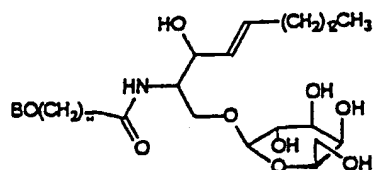
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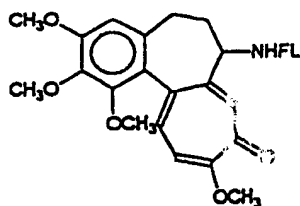
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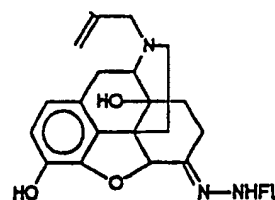
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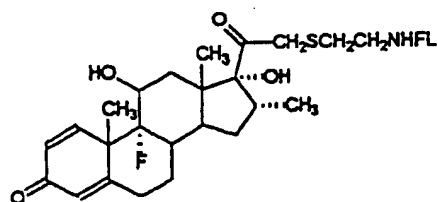
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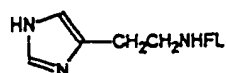
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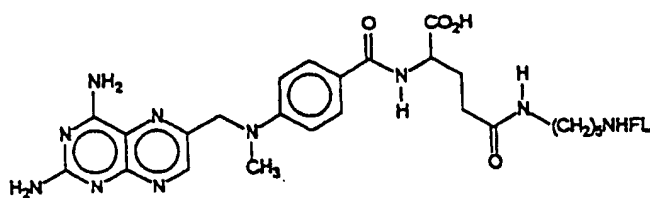
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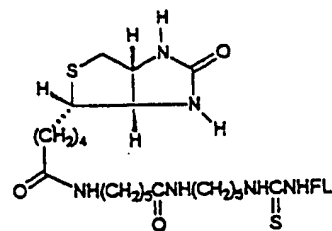
Table 12

Structures for Probes Useful Within the Present Invention
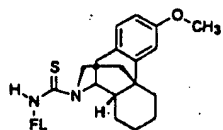
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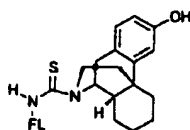
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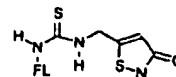
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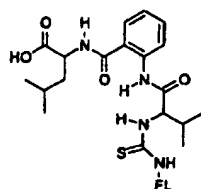
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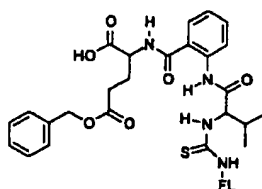
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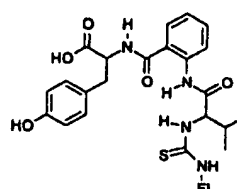
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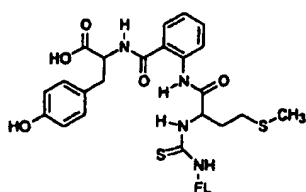
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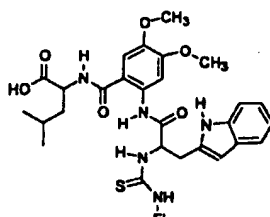
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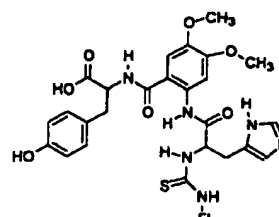
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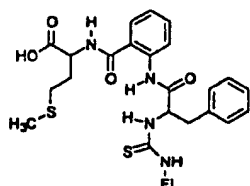
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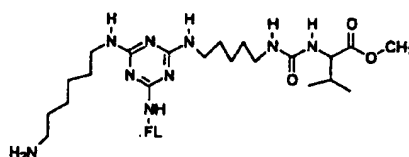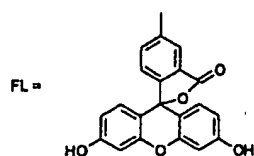
The present invention is not to be limited in scope by
the specific embodiments described which are intended as
single illustrations of individual aspects of the invention.
Indeed, various modifications of the invention in addition to
5 those shown and described herein will become apparent to
those skilled in the art from the foregoing description and
accompanying drawings. Such modifications are intended to
fall within the scope of the appended claims.
    All references cited herein are incorporated herein by
10 reference in the entirety for all purposes.

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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   A method for characterizing a sample composed of a
mixture of molecular components, comprising:

5   -   (a) contacting the sample with a library of
           molecular probes under conditions which allow the
           molecular probes to bind to their specific binding
           partners; and
               (b) detecting any binding of individual members of

10   the library of molecular probes to molecular components
           in the sample using a homogeneous assay system,
      in which the binding pattern of members of the library with
      the sample provides a molecular fingerprint of the sample.

15   2.   The method of Claim 1 in which the members of the
      library of molecular probes are labeled.

      3.   The method of Claim 2 in which the label is a
      fluor.

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      4.   The method of Claim 3 in which the binding of a
      member of the library to a component of the sample is
      detected by fluorescence polarization.

25   5.   The method of Claim 2 in which the molecular probes
      are crosslinked to a photoactivatable functional group.

      6.   The method of Claim 5 in which the functional group
      is activated and a chemical bond is formed between a probe
      and a component in the sample.
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      7.   The method of Claim 2 in which the probes are
      labeled with a scintillant and the components of the sample
      are radiolabeled.

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8.   The method of Claim 7 in which the interaction between a probe and a component of a biological sample results in the emission of light.

9.   The method of Claim 1 or 4 in which the members of the library are biomolecules.

10.   The method of Claim 9 in which the biomolecules in the library are glycoproteins, lipoproteins, proteins, polypeptides, peptides, peptoids, amino acids, polysaccharides, oligosaccharides, saccharides, polynucleotides, oligonucleotides, nucleotides, nucleosides, DNA or a derivative, RNA or a derivative, lipids, glycolipids, lipopolysaccharides, organic molecules or inorganic molecules.

11.   The method of Claim 10 in which the biomolecules in the library are receptors, ligands, antibodies, antigens, epitopes, growth factors, cytokines, or chemokines.

12.   The method of Claim 1 or 4 in which the sample is a patient sample or a clinical sample.

13.   The method of Claim 1 or 4 in which the sample is a body fluid, urine, lymph, whole blood, sera, plasma, red blood cells, white blood cells, tissues, cells, cell extracts, products from in vitro transcription or translation, viruses, microorganisms, or extracts of pathogenic organisms.

14.   The method of Claim 13 in which the molecular fingerprint generated for the sample using the library of molecular probes is compared to a molecular fingerprint generated for a negative control sample using the library of molecular probes.

15.   The method of Claim 14, in which the negative
control sample is derived from a normal subject.

16.   The method of Claim 13 in which the molecular
fingerprint generated for the sample using the library of
molecular probes is compared to a molecular fingerprint
generated for a positive control sample using the library of
molecular probes.

17.   The method of Claim 16 in which the positive
control sample is derived from a diseased or affected
subject.

18.   The method of Claim 1 or 4 in which the molecular
components in the sample are glycoproteins, lipoproteins,
proteins, polypeptides, peptides, peptoids, or amino acids.

19.   The method of Claim 1 or 4 in which the molecular
components in the sample are polynucleotides,
oligonucleotides, nucleotides, nucleosides, DNA or a
derivative, or RNA or a derivative.

20.   The method of Claim 1 or 4 in which the molecular
components in the sample are polysaccharides,
oligosaccharides, or saccharides.

21.   The method of Claim 1 or 4 in which the molecular
components in the sample are lipids, glycolipids,
lipopolysaccharides or lipoproteins.

22.   The method of Claim 1 or 4 in which the molecular
components in the sample are organic molecules or inorganic
molecules.

23.   The method of Claim 1 or 4 in which the molecular
components in the sample are receptors, ligands, antibodies,
antigens, epitopes, growth factors, cytokines or chemokines.

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24. An assay for characterizing biological samples,
comprising:

(a) contacting a biological sample with a library

5 of fluorescently labeled probes; and

(b) detecting the binding interaction for each
fluorescently labeled probe with the biological sample.

25. A method for distinguishing biological samples,

10 comprising:

(a) contacting biological samples with identical
libraries of fluorescently labeled probes;

(b) detecting the binding interaction for each
probe with each biological sample; and

15 (c) identifying a pattern of binding interactions
which differentiates the biological samples from each
other.

26. A method for identifying biological targets of

20 therapeutic and diagnostic importance and lead structures for
drug development, comprising:

(a) contacting two identical libraries of probes
with two biological samples, wherein the first
biological sample is a control;

25 (b) detecting the binding interaction between each
probe and a component of the biological samples using a
homogeneous assay system; and

(c) identifying probe/biological component binding
interactions that are characteristic of the second
biological sample, wherein a component so identified is

30 a biological target and the probe having affinity for
the biological component is a lead structure for drug
development.

27. An assay for characterizing a sample composed of a

35 mixture of molecular components, said assay comprising:

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(a)   attaching members of a library of molecular probes to scaffolds having a site cleavable by a specific catalyst and a marker on each side of the site, to provide molecular probe/scaffold constructs;

(b)   combining the molecular probe/scaffold constructs with the sample, wherein a molecular probe having affinity for a molecular component present in the sample binds to the sample component forming a complex which blocks the cleavable site of the scaffold;

(c)   adding the specific catalyst to the mixture such that scaffolds that do not include a bound sample component are cleaved; and

(d)   detecting the release of unbound molecular probes from the scaffold or the retention of complexes on the scaffold;

in which the binding pattern of members of the library with the sample provides a molecular fingerprint of the sample.

28.   The assay of Claim 21 wherein the scaffold is comprised of DNA, peptides, peptoids, or any polymer.

29.   The assay of Claim 21 in which a ligand having affinity for a receptor present in a biological sample binds with the receptor and blocks the scaffold-specific agent's access to the scaffold.

30.   The assay of Claim 21 wherein the scaffold-specific binding agent is a drug, peptide, oligopeptide, polypeptide, protein, glycoprotein, lipoprotein, saccharide, oligosaccharide, polysaccharide, organic or inorganic molecule.

31.   The assay of Claim 21 wherein the scaffold-specific binding agent does not bind to the region of scaffold where the interaction between a ligand and a receptor occurs.

32. The assay of Claim 21 wherein the scaffold includes
a marker that is blocked when the binding protein is bound to
the screening sequence such that access to the marker
indicates the absence of the scaffold-specific binding agent
5 and the presence of the ligand/receptor interaction.

33. The assay according to Claim 21 wherein the
ligands are attached to the scaffold on the same side of the
site as a first marker, and the assay further comprises
10 immobilizing the scaffolds at the first marker and washing
the mixture after the addition of the catalyst to remove the
unimmobilized portions of cleaved scaffolds, such cleaved
portions including a second marker, and wherein intact
scaffolds are identified by the presence of the second
15 marker.

34. The assay of Claim 27 wherein the scaffold is
comprised of double-stranded DNA and the marker is a
biotinylated nucleotide.

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35. An assay for distinguishing biological samples of
the same type, comprising:
        (a) attaching members of identical libraries of
probes to scaffolds that have a cleavable site and
25   markers on both sides of the site;
        (b) contacting biological samples with the
identical libraries of probes and the identical specific
catalyst;
        (c) detecting the binding interaction for each
30   probe with each biological sample; and
        (d) identifying a pattern of binding interactions
which differentiates the biological samples from each
other.

36. The assay of Claim 30 which further comprises
35 utilizing a control biological sample and identifying
probe/biological component binding interactions that are

characteristic of the non-control biological sample, wherein
a component so identified as a biological target and the
probe having affinity for the biological component is a lead
structure for drug development.

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     37.   A method for synthesizing a library of labeled
ligands comprising:

          (a)   immobilizing a fluorescent dye to a solid
phase support via a cleavable linkage thereby forming a

10   first product mixture;

          (b) reacting said first product mixture with one
or more compounds or mixtures of compounds at a
temperature and for time sufficient to form a second
product mixture; and

15   (c)   cleaving the product mixture from the solid
phase support to form a library of labeled ligands;
wherein the fluorescent dye comprises two reactive
moieties independently selected from the group
consisting of halogens, thiols, alcohols, ethers,
esters, aldehydes, ketones, carboxylic acids, nitros,

20   amines, amides, silanes, and protected and unprotected
derivatives thereof.

     38.   The method of Claim 37 in which the fluorescent dye
is a rhodamine derivative, cyanine derivative, fluorescein

25 derivative, tryptophan derivative, coumarin derivative,
naphthyl derivative, bipyridine derivative, tripyridine
derivative, organometallic complexes.

     39.   The method of Claim 37 in which the solid phase

30 support comprises a linker, where in the linker is a halogen,
thiol, alcohol, ether, ester, aldehyde, ketone, carboxylic
acid, nitro, amine, amide, silane, or protected and
unprotected derivatives thereof.

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40.   A method for synthesizing a library of labeled
ligands comprising:

(a)   immobilizing compounds on a solid support via
a cleavable linker;

(b)   attaching a fluorescent dye to the immobilized
compounds; and

(c)   cleaving the molecule-fluorescent dye reaction
product from the solid support to yield a library of
fluorescent-labeled ligand.

41.   A method for characterizing the toxic properties of
a test agent comprising:

(a)   contacting two identical libraries of probes
with two biological samples, wherein the first
biological sample is a control and the second biological
sample was exposed to the test agent;

(b)   detecting the binding interactions between
each probe and the biological samples; and

(c)   identifying probe/sample binding interactions
that are characteristic of the second biological sample.

42.   A method for determining the presence of a toxic
agent in a biological sample which comprises:

(a) contacting two identical libraries of probes
with two biological samples wherein the first biological
sample is a positive control which had been exposed to
the toxic agent;

(b)   detecting the binding interactions between
each probe and each biological samples; and

(c)   identifying probe/toxic agent binding
interactions in the second biological sample that are
characteristic of the positive control sample.

43. The method of Claim 41 or 42 in which the binding
interactions between the probes and biological samples are
detected using a homogeneous assay system.

44. The method Claim 43 in which the library of probes
are fluorescently or chemiluminescently labeled.

45. A method for characterizing the protein
constituents of a sample, comprising generating a molecular
fingerprint of the glycoproteins, lipoproteins, proteins,
polypepticles, peptides, peptoids, or amino acids in the
sample using the method of Claim 1 or 26.

46. A method for diagnosing a disease or condition in a
patient, comprising:

    (a) generating a molecular fingerprint of a
         biological sample obtained from the patent
         using the method of Claim 45; and

    (b) comparing the molecular fingerprint of the
         patient sample to the molecular fingerprint of
         positive or negative control sample.

47. A method for prognosing the efficacy of a drug or
therapy in a patient, comprising:

    (a) generating a molecular fingerprint of a
         biological sample obtained from the patient
         using the method of Claim 45; and

    (b) comparing the molecular fingerprint of the
         patient sample to the molecular fingerprint of
         patients who (i) respond to the drug or
         therapy, and to those who do not respond, to
         the drug or therapy; or (ii) demonstrate
         adverse reactions to the drug or therapy.

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48. A method for monitoring the efficacy of a
therapeutic treatment in a patient, comprising:

        (a)   generating a molecular fingerprint of a
5 biological sample obtained from the patient before treatment
and periodically thereafter using the method of Claim 45; and

        (b)   comparing the molecular fingerprints generated
        for the patient samples to the molecular fingerprint of
10   a positive or negative control sample.

49. A method for characterizing the nucleotide
constituents of a sample comprising generating a molecular
fingerprint of the polynucleotides, oligonucleotides,
15 nucleotides, nucleosides, DNA or a derivative, or RNA or a
derivative in the sample using the method of Claim 1 or 26.

50. A method for diagnosing a disease or condition in a
patient, comprising:
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        (a)   generating a molecular fingerprint of a
biological sample obtained from the patient using the method
of Claim 49; and

        (b)   comparing the molecular fingerprint of the
25 patient sample to the molecular fingerprint of a positive or
negative control sample.

51. A method for prognosing the efficacy of a drug
or therapy in a patient, comprising:
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        (a)   generating a molecular fingerprint of a
biological sample obtained from the patient using the method
of Claim 49; and

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(b)   comparing the molecular fingerprint of the
patient sample to the molecular fingerprint of patients who
(i) respond to the drug or therapy, and to those who do not
respond to the drug or therapy; or (ii) demonstrate adverse
5 reactions to the drug or therapy.

52.   A method for monitoring the efficacy of a
therapeutic treatment in a patient, comprising:

10 (a)   generating a molecular fingerprint of a
biological sample obtained from the patient before treatment
and periodically thereafter using the method of Claim 49; and

(b)   comparing the molecular fingerprint generated
for the patient samples to the molecular fingerprint of
15 a positive or negative control sample.

53.   A kit for characterizing the molecular components
of a sample, comprising:

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(a)   a library of molecular probes; and

(b)   a means for detecting binding of the members
of the library to molecular components in the sample in
a homogeneous or liquid phase.
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54.   The kit according to Claim 53 in which the library
of probes are labeled with a fluor, and the detection means
is a fluorescence polarization instrument.

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55.   The kit of Claim 54 which further comprises a
reaction vessel means for each member of the library suitable
for conducting a homogeneous assay.

56.   The kit of Claim 54 which further comprises a
35 scaffold to which the members of the library are releasably
attached.

57.   The kit of claim 54 in which the library of
molecular probes are selected to bind with molecular
components associated with diabetes, infectious disease,
inflammatory disease, heart disease, neoplastic disorders,
5   autoimmune disease and central nervous system disorders.

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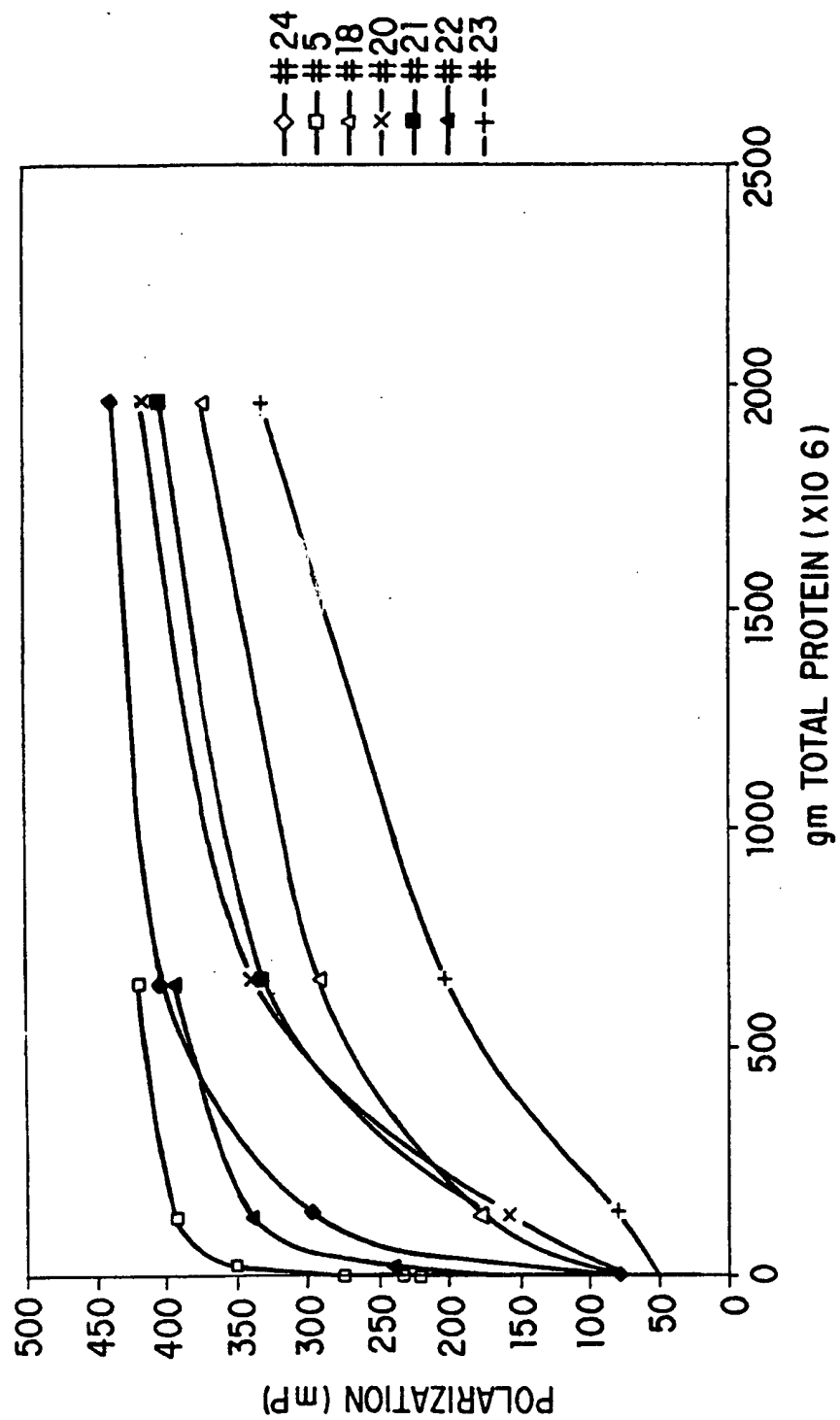
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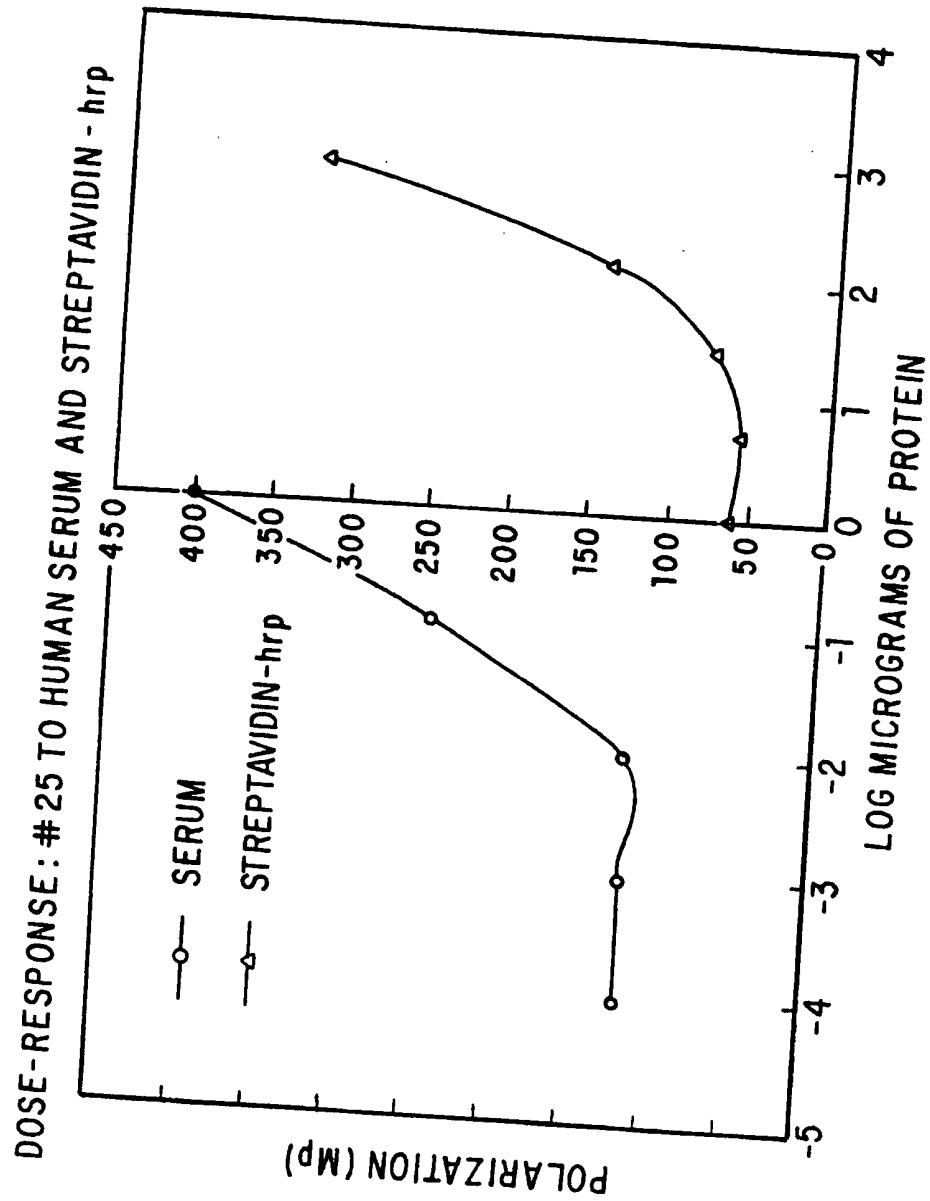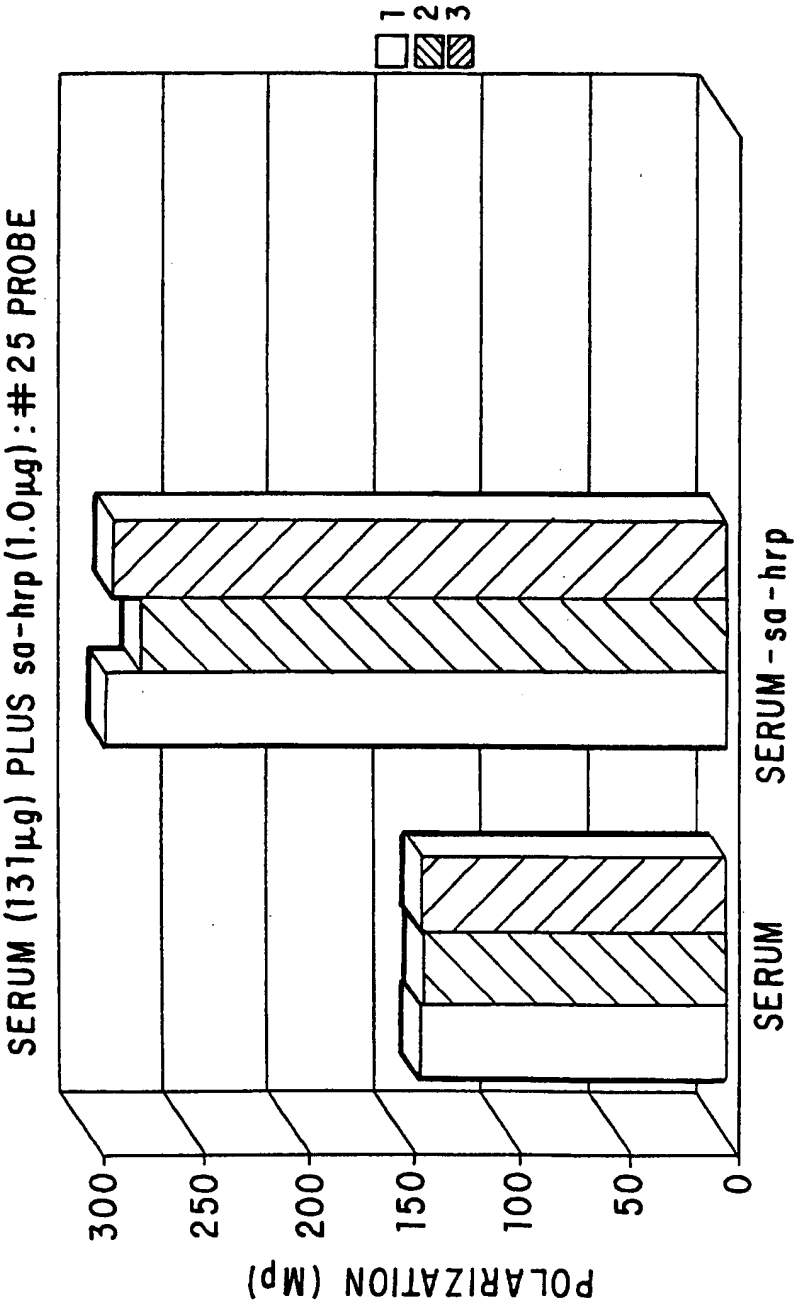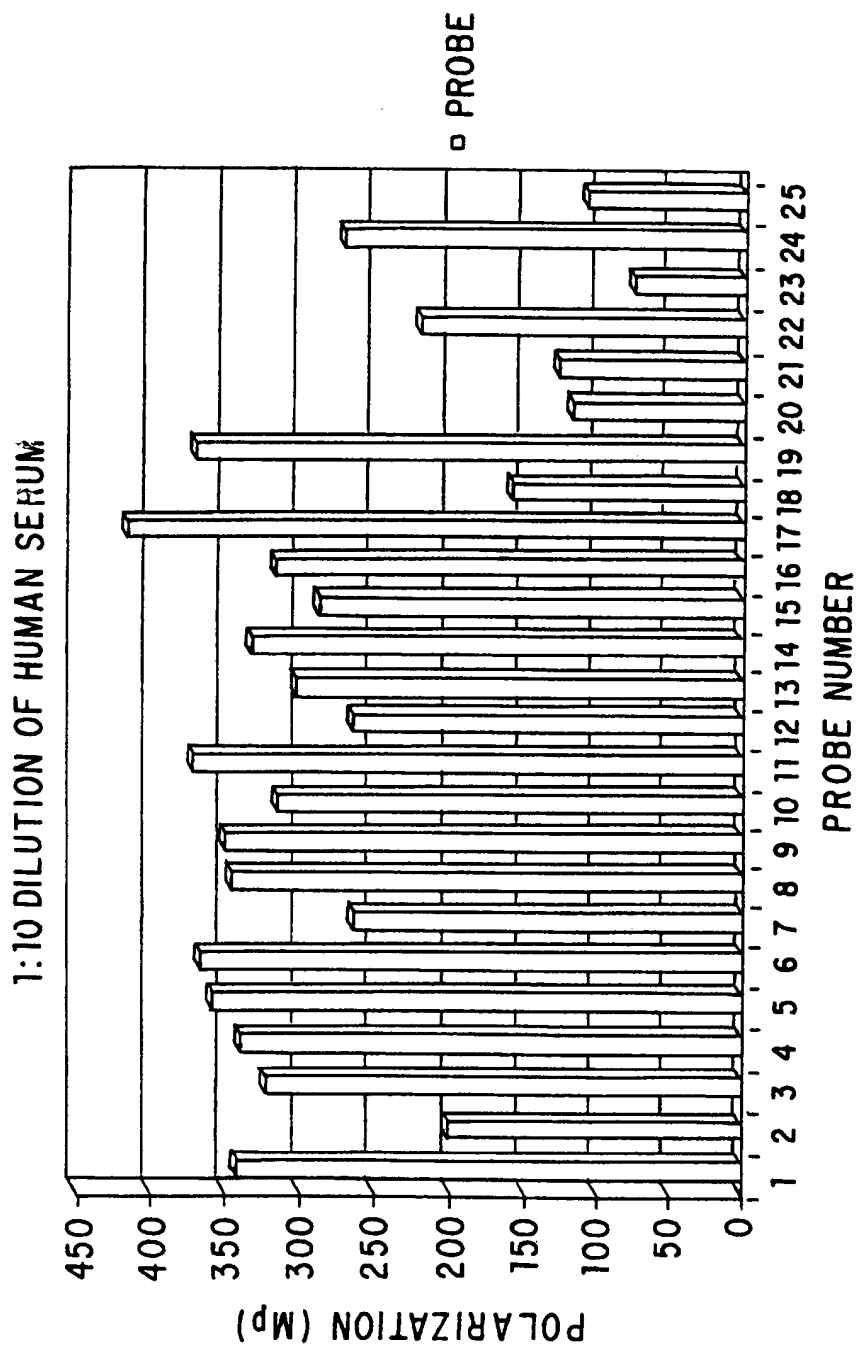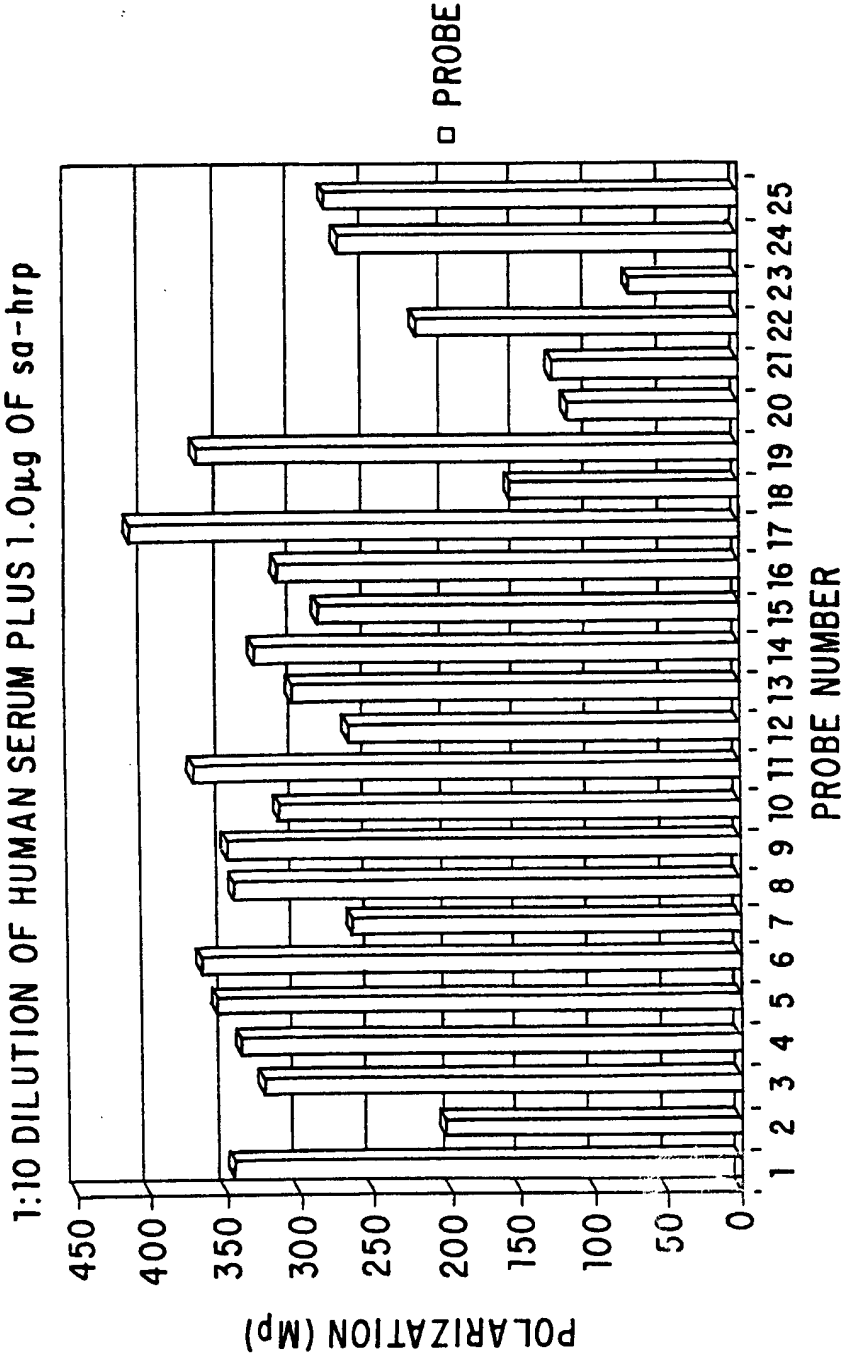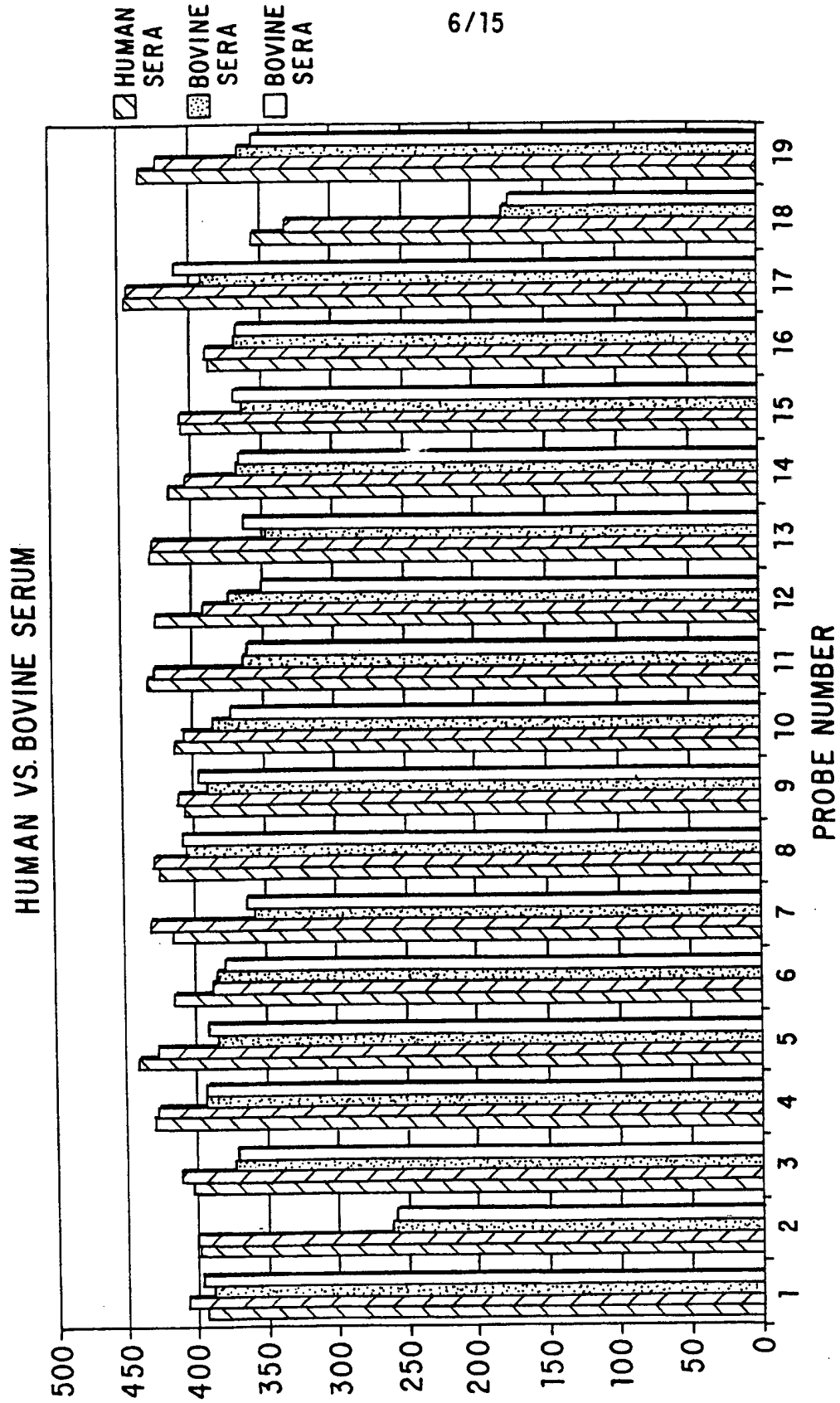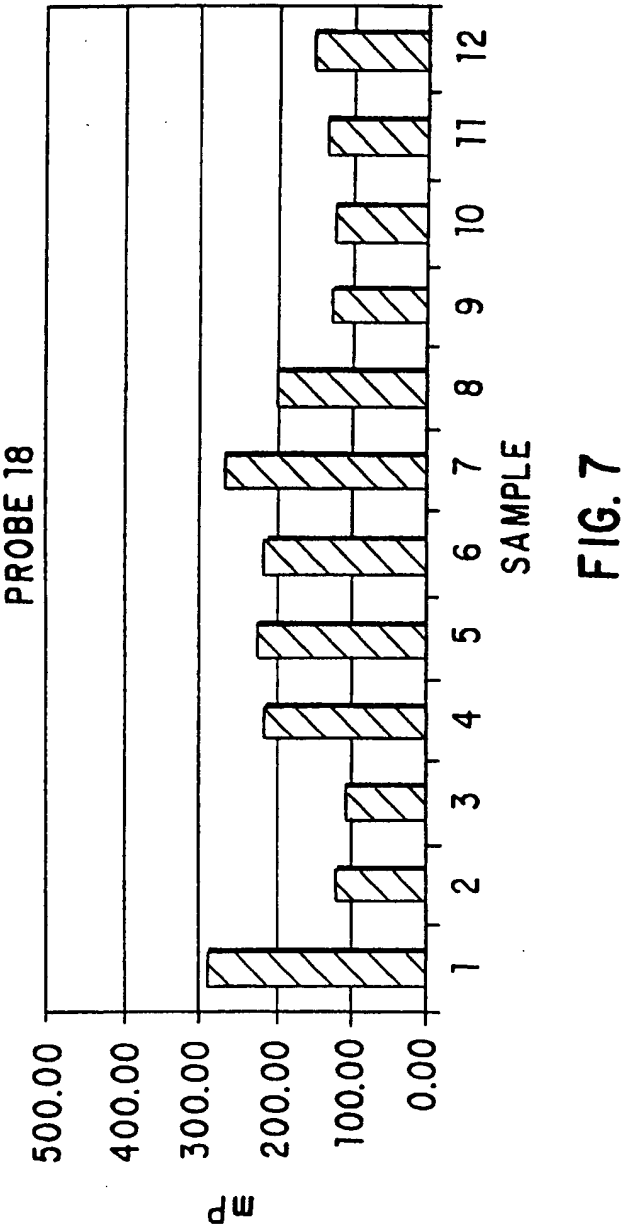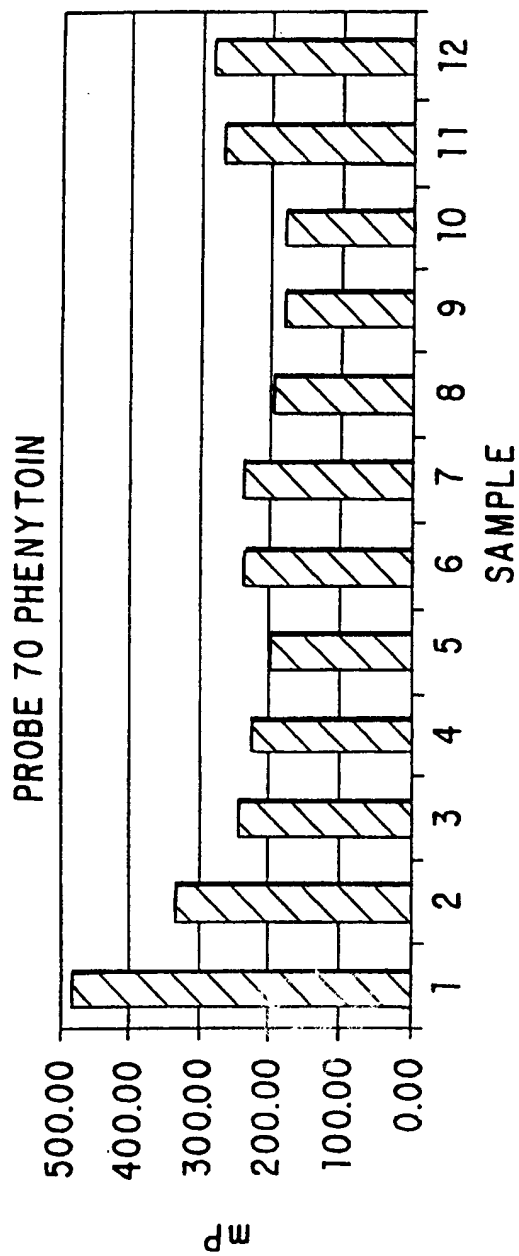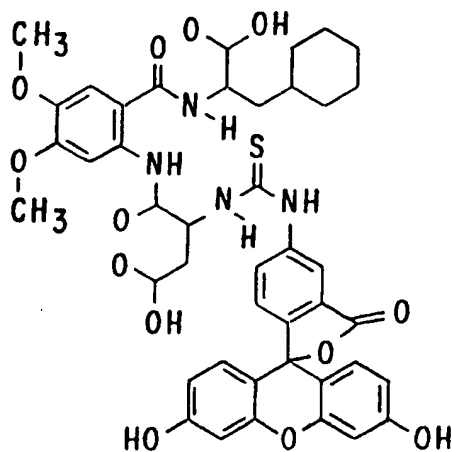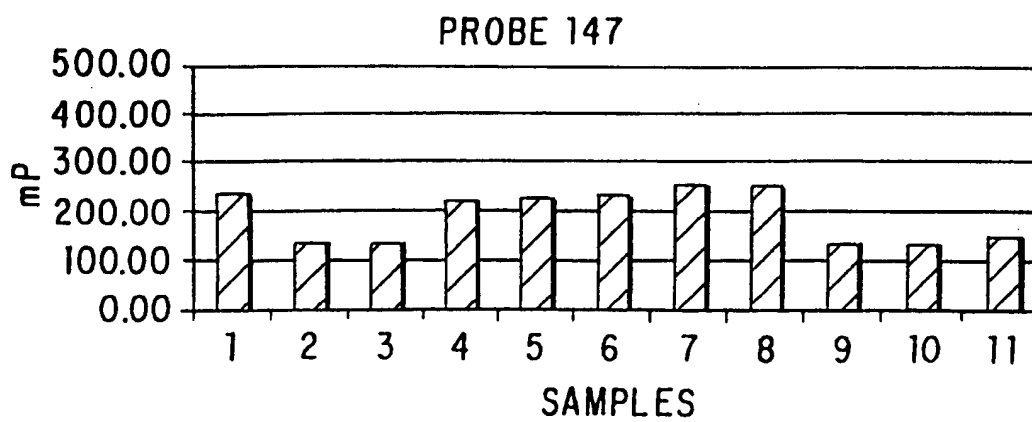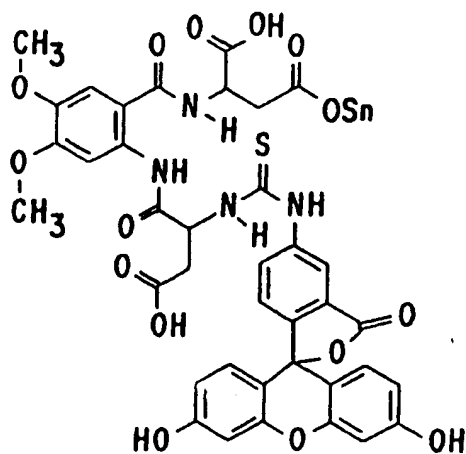
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HUMAN VS. BOVINE SERUM

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CLASSIFICATIONS OF CULTURES WITH PROBE D6

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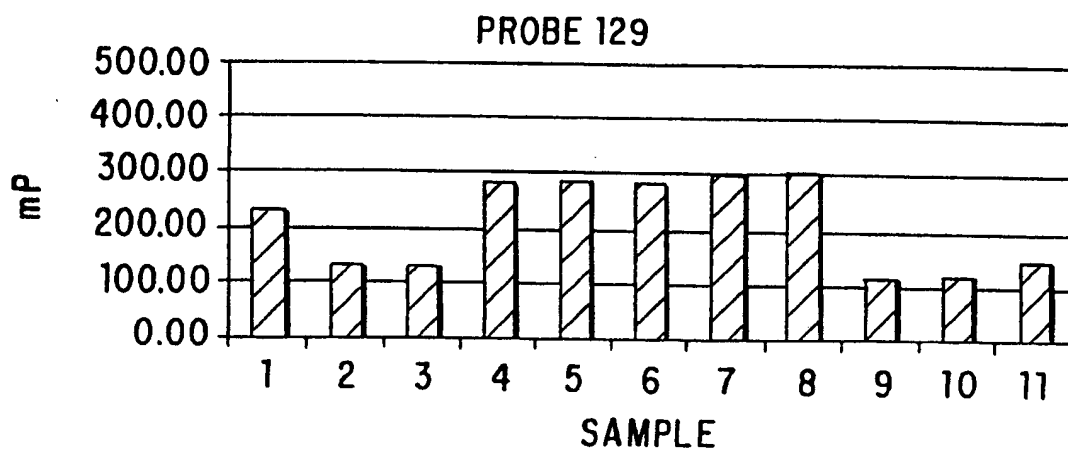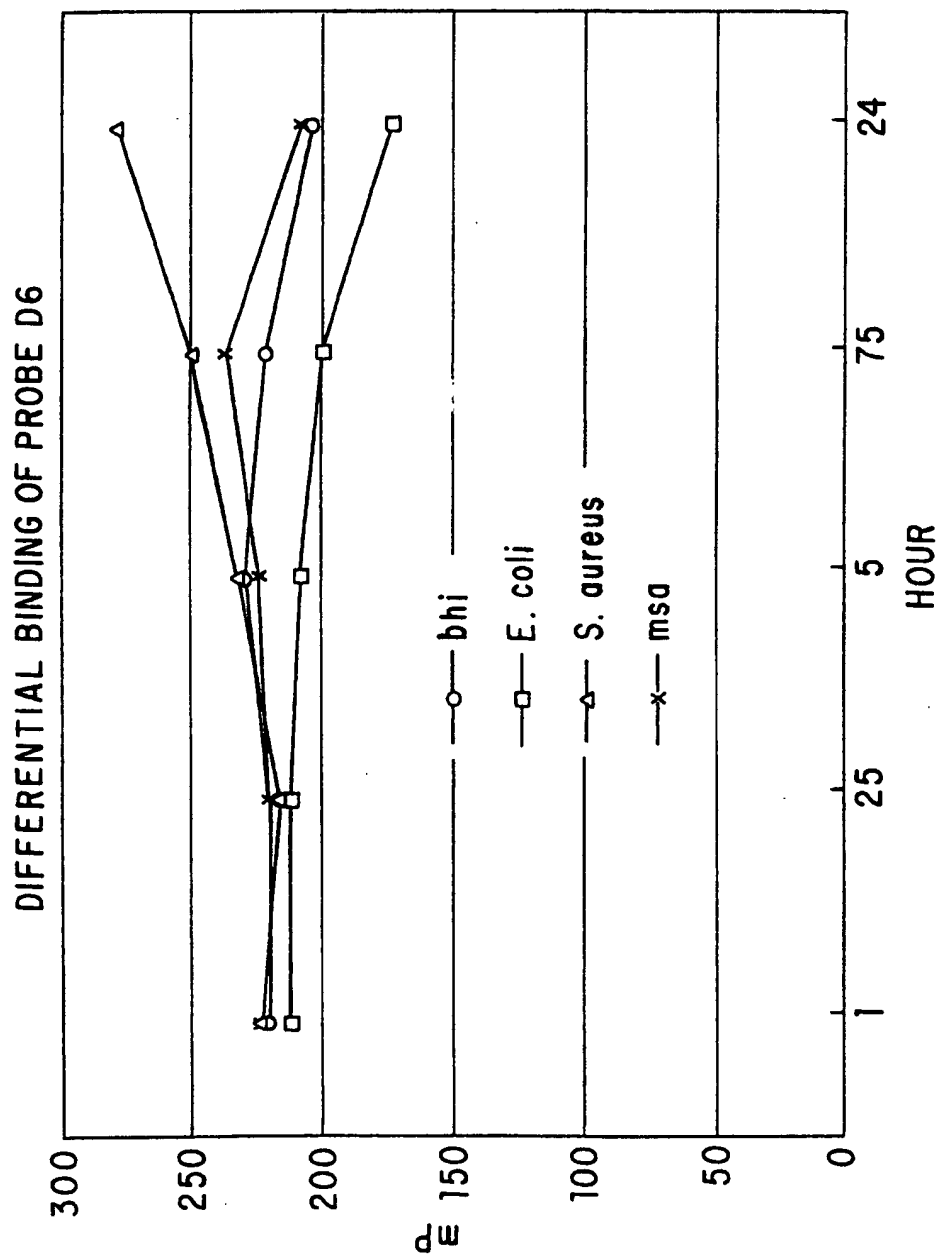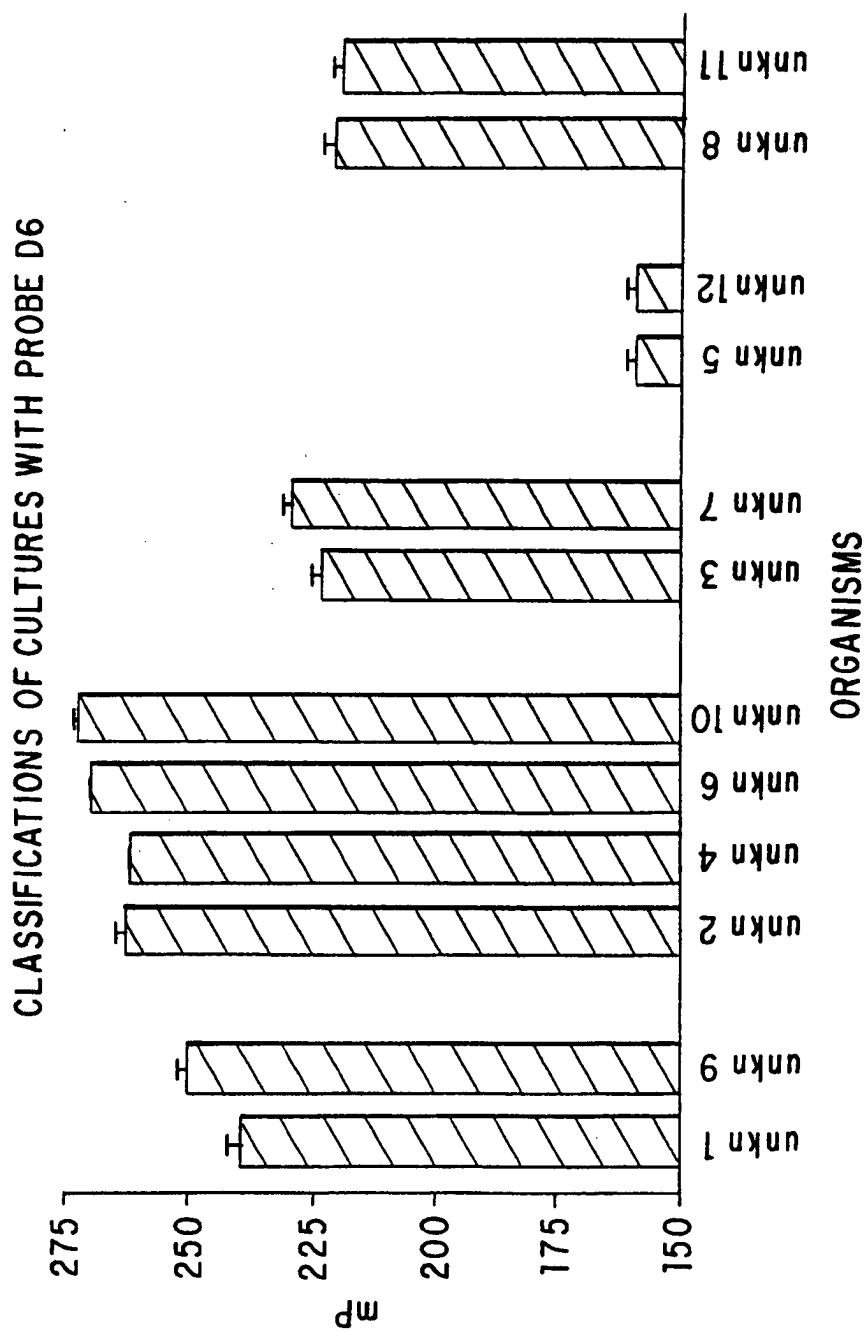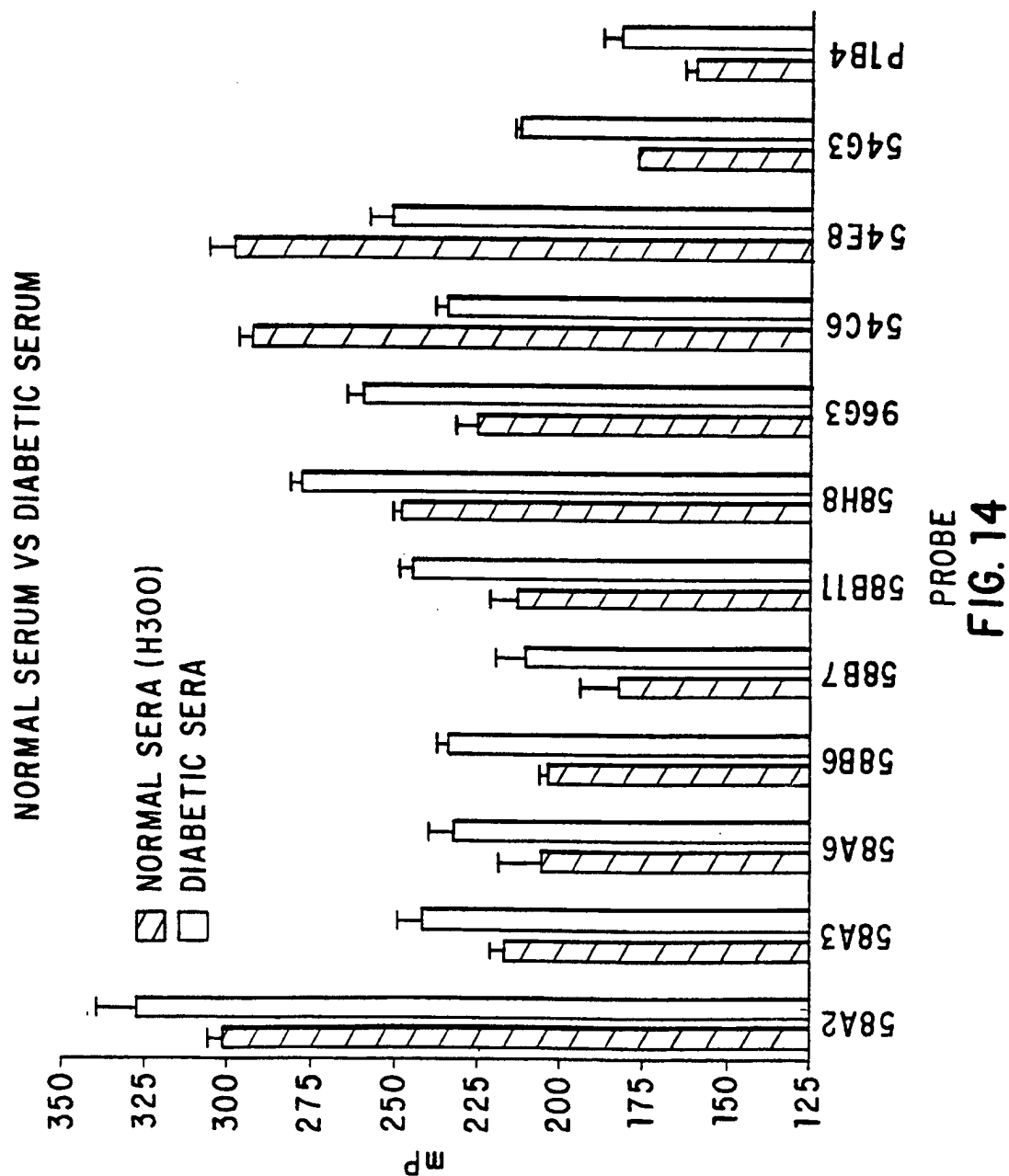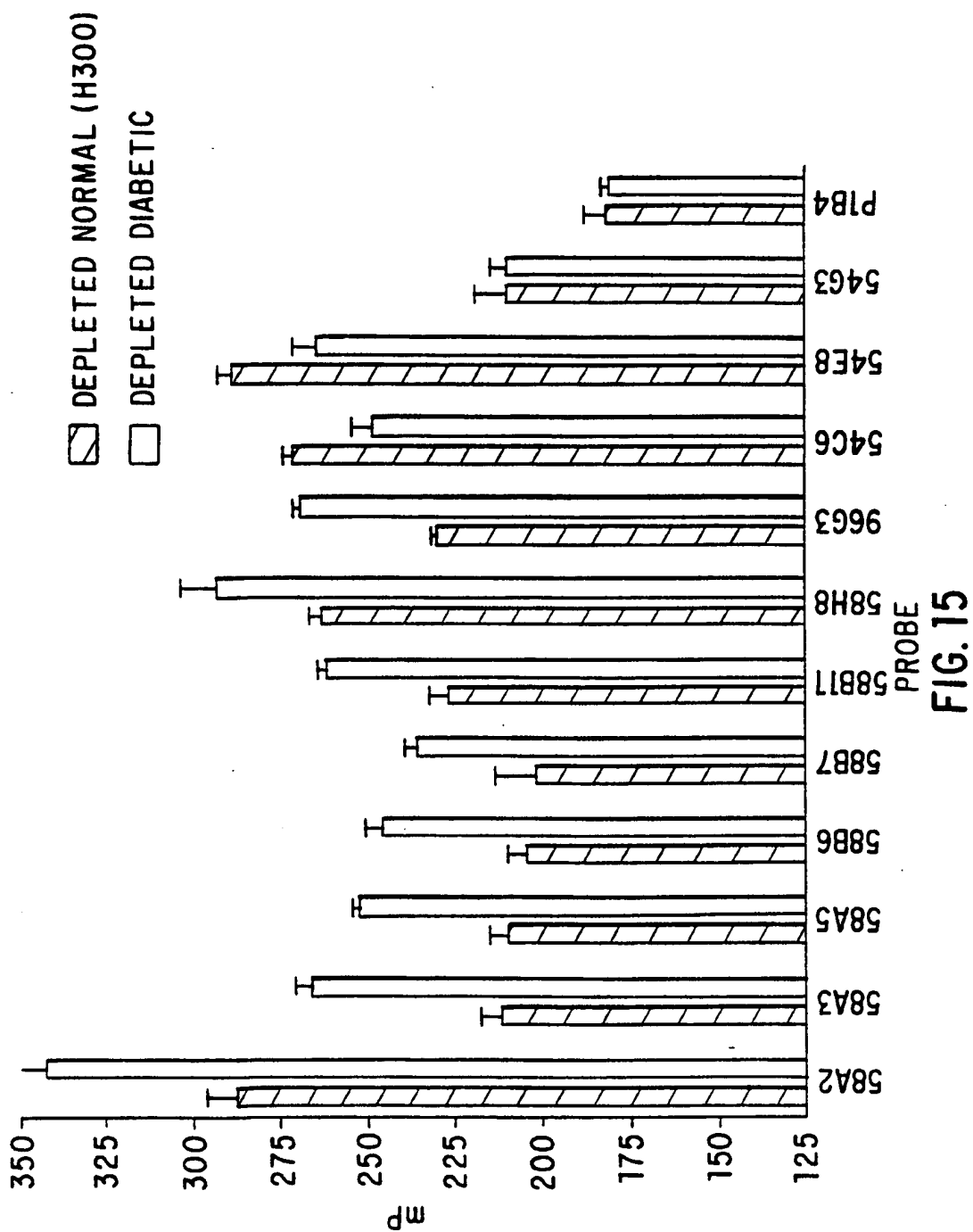
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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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None

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

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search terms: libraries, molecular probes, homogeneous assay, fingerprint, fluorescence polarization

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Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	WO 92/17784 A1 (TERRAPIN TECHNOLOGIES, INC.) 15 October 1992, see abstract, pages 5, line 1 to page 15, line 10.	1-24, 26, 41-46, 53-57
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BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION WAS LACKING
This ISA found multiple inventions as follows:

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be searched, the appropriate additional search fees must be paid.

Group I, claim(s)1-24, 45, and 49, drawn to a method of characterizing samples using a molecular library.

Group II, claim 25, drawn to a method distinguish samples using identical plural libraries.

Group III, claim(s)26, 45, and 49, drawn to method of identifying biological targets (drug leads) using test and control libraries.

Group IV, claims 27-34, drawn to a method of characterizing samples using scaffold-attached molecular probes (with catalyst cleavable linkages).

Group V, claims 37-40, drawn to a method of synthesizing a library.

Group VI, claims 41-44, drawn to a method of characterizing properties of a toxic agent using finger print of claim 45.

Group VII, claim 46, drawn to a method of diagnosing a disease.

Group VIII, claim 47, drawn to a method of prognosing drug efficiency using finger print of claim 45.

Group IX, claim 48, drawn to a method of monitoring efficiency of treatment using finger print of claim 45.

Group X, claims 49-52, drawn to a method of characterizing nucleotide constituents.

Group XI, claims 53-57, drawn to a kit.

The inventions listed as Groups I-XI do not relate to a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: The various methods recited in groups I-IV and VI-X have different objectives and use different method steps or are drawn to different use of a molecular library. Group V is drawn to method of making a library which is not the same library that is used in method of the above groups. Group XI is drawn to kit which may comprise a library different from the library made or used in the other groups. This is so because the chemical characteristics of the library is not specified and there is nothing in the claims that would indicate that a common library is made and employed in the various methods claimed.